



Lois Susan Surry

March 25, 1943 - April 10, 2026

Lois Susan Surry, 83, of Philadelphia, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, April 10, 2026. Born March 25, 1943, in Newark, New Jersey, to the late Irving Shertzer and Sylvia Torine Shertzer, Lois lived a vibrant, self-reliant life marked by deep care for family and community.

A lifelong learner, Lois earned a master's degree in mathematics from Monmouth University and a degree in social work from Rutgers University. She proudly served as a social worker for Somerset County, New Jersey, for nearly 20 years, touching countless lives with her compassion.

Lois is predeceased by her beloved husband, Charles "Sam" Surry, her brother Sidney Shertzer, her sister Carole Littenberg, and stepson Shawn Surry. She is survived by her three devoted sons: Alex Berg and wife, Kelly Berg, Daniel Berg and wife, Diane Tromans-Berg, and Joshua Berg. She also was the cherished and loving grandmother to Nathaniel, Alizah, Hannah, Juliette, Tobias, Samantha, Kyle, Alexis, Jordan, and Genevieve.

Lois found joy in the performing arts, attending theater and classical music performances (and played herself earlier in life). She was a passionate defender of democracy through her membership in the League of Women Voters. She supported environmental causes like the Sierra Club, advocated for ADHD research with CHADD and doted on her toy poodle, Ginger. Above

all, she treasured conversations with friends and family, especially lively family gatherings. No matter the difficulties and concerns about current events, Lois was always planning for a positive future.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, April 14, at 3:00 p.m. in the Parkway Condominiums community room, 2601 Pennsylvania Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19130. All are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the League of Women Voters (lww.org/about-us/ways-give), CHADD (chadd.org/donations), or the Sierra Club (sierraclub.org/donate).