

In Memoriam



Roz Portnoy
February 6, 1931 – February 6, 2021

We are sorry to note the passing of AAUW-LB member Roz Portnoy on her 90th birthday. Roz was an enthusiastic member and gracious hostess of our Afternoon Books and Poetry groups. She faithfully attended our Literary Luncheon each year and loved hearing the authors and greeting friends there.

Roz was a true “Returning Woman” to her educational goal after marrying pre-med student Bernie, the love of her life, during her undergraduate years at Syracuse University. Many years later she decided to finish her degree at Cal State University Los Angeles with the goal of preparing for a teaching career.

She studied Spanish and took pride in her many happy years teaching in an inner-city bilingual kindergarten-first grade. While living in Pasadena, she was an active member and served as president of the local ORT, an international program devoted to job skills training. Her friendly sociability will be missed.