



Beverly Lavender

February 6, 2025

Beverly Lavender of West Hartford, CT passed away 2/6/25 at the age of 101. At the time of her death, Bev was living at Seabury in Bloomfield CT where she had been a resident for the last few years.

What was most important to Bev was devotion to family, friends, children, and animals. While her mother stressed education and proper behavior, Bev had an extraordinary gift for humor, inherited from her father. Her skills included tap dancing, ballet, acrobatics, singing and acting. As a comedienne she performed with the Mark Twain Masquers and at the Park Street Playhouse. In one play, dressed as the Chrysler Building, her performance was so hilarious she brought down the house!

Bev met the love of her life, Joseph Lavender, in St. James Park (in the Bronx) where “he fell out of a tree he’d been climbing.” As a couple they supported civic advancement, education, and the arts. Joe encouraged Bev to obtain a Masters Degree in School Psychology. Bev practiced her profession in the West Hartford Schools for many years, encouraging students from elementary through high school.

Bev was a woman of decency, goodness, generosity, compassion, and honesty.

Bev's deepest devotion was to her daughters, Judy and Joan. They were ever in her thoughts. She was predeceased by her daughter Judy and her husband Joe. She is survived by her daughter Dr. Joan Lavender of New York City as well as beloved extended family and friends, Nancy Jensen, Barbara Streitfeld, Roz Katz, Charles Porter, Paul and Annette Shapiro, Kathy Hucks and others.

A memorial will be planned for the Spring. Donations may be made to the charities of your choice. For further details on the memorial service please contact Joan at drjlavender@gmail.com. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

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“ It was 1957, and we had all moved to Parsons Drive to our new houses. What a pleasure to meet the Lavender clan. I remember that Joe and I thought we were genetically linked, Both distant cousins of some actor whose name I can't remember.

And Bev: she was the most welcoming one on the block, especially to my 2 and 4 year olds. She was sharp, funny, and had strong opinions about everything. And I love that she worked in theater; a perfect match. Could be part of the reason for her very long life and expressive personality.

Sad to know she's gone.

Joan Gitlow

Joan Gitlow - March 09, 2025 at 08:30 PM

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“ I was dropping off flowers to the Brewer nurse's station yesterday from my father's funeral service and saw the posting that Beverly had passed away as well. I had chatted with her a few times when visiting my dad. I am so sorry for your loss. This is such a difficult time. I would not have guessed that she passed the 100 year mark. Her skin was beautiful. And what a wonderful life she led.

Debbie Poleyestewa - February 15, 2025 at 04:48 PM