



## Marcia J. Federbush

May 25, 1934 - December 15, 2017

Marcia J. Federbush, age 83, passed away on December 15, 2017 in Ypsilanti, Michigan. She was born on May 25, 1934 in Newark, New Jersey to parents Nathan and Esther Rosenzweig. Marcia graduated from Weequahic High School in Newark. In 1956, she was wed to Paul Federbush by Rabbi Joachim Prinz. They were married over 30 years. She received a master's degree in Psychology from New York University . Marcia taught elementary school in Dutch Neck, New Jersey and Billerica, Massachusetts, and later worked in the biology laboratory at Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts.

After becoming the mother of two and moving with her husband to Ann Arbor she advocated for busing and hot lunches for public school students, and ran unsuccessfully for school board.

In 1972, she was a delegate to the Democratic Party Convention in support of Shirley Chisholm.

She wrote the county's first study of sex discrimination in the public school system, and was known for her persistent efforts for equality for girls in school sports. She was inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame for her work in these areas. For the sake of equality, she also stood up for male athletes when she felt they were being treated unfairly compared to females.

She worked for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Detroit, Michigan, and was briefly a secretary for the local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association.

Marcia was a longtime community activist, working for such causes as fair treatment for minority public school students, and Palestinian human rights.

Marcia led a weekly sing-along at the Oaks Adult Day Care in Ann Arbor. She wrote and recorded irreverent topical songs, in expertly-rhymed verse, which she sang while

accompanying herself on the piano. She also played cocktail jazz by ear.

Marcia did very fine hand-printing, and often made posters for various groups.

An inventive cook, Chinese hot-and-sour soup was her specialty.

Marcia spent her last year of her life at the Villa at Parkridge in Ypsilanti, in good spirits, continuing to play the piano and receiving excellent care. She is survived by her children, Jason (Hitomi Saito) Federbush and Laurel Federbush, her granddaughters, Maya and Saya, her brother, Rick Rosenzweig, and her ex-husband, Paul Federbush. She was predeceased by her brother, Marvin Rosenzweig.

Charitable donations can be made in her name:

Equality Now

Attn: Development Department

125 Maiden Lane, 9th Floor Suite B

New York, NY 10038

[www.equalitynow.org](http://www.equalitynow.org)

Wayne State University

(write "Cardiology Research and Development Fund" in the memo line)

5700 Cass Ave., Ste. 1200

Detroit, MI 48202

# Events

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**JAN 28 Memorial Gathering 02:00PM - 03:00PM**

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Carpenter Road Chapel

2400 Carpenter Road, Ann Arbor, MI, US, 48108

**JAN 28 Celebration of Life Service 03:00PM**

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# Comments

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“ Marcia Federbush was a remarkable human being. She lived a purpose driven life. Her kindness, generosity, and intelligence endeared her to her many friends and acquaintances. She was selflessly altruistic, and would do whatever she could to reduce the suffering of the poor, the weak, and the oppressed. The charities she relentlessly supported and championed were as diverse as the people and cultures she surrounded herself with.

It is very difficult for me to find adequate words to express my deep sorrow for the loss of this "guardian angel." I have lost a friend of 40 years, and I mourn her loss as that of a kindred spirit and mentor whom I shall miss sadly. But, I will always have wonderful memories of Marcia, and will never forget her kindness to me, which I will cherish.

Please accept my love and sympathy.

Marian E. Montgomery

Marian Montgomery - January 28, 2018 at 09:09 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marcia J. Federbush.



January 27, 2018 at 08:47 PM

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“ I will miss Marcia who was a member and secretary of our Ann Arbor Chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) group.

Only recently reading her list of achievements on the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame website, I realize now how little I knew of all she had accomplished.

I trust her family and close friends treasure the strong legacy of dynamic activism that she is leaving behind.

Harvey A Somers - January 27, 2018 at 08:37 PM

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“ Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Marcia J. Federbush.



January 21, 2018 at 10:32 PM