



## Myrna Kivitz Robinson

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Myrna was born on August 13, 1935, in Newark, New Jersey, to Max and Mary (Grossman) Kivitz. The youngest of eight children, she grew up in a lively and loving household.

In her twenties, Myrna moved to Washington, D.C., where she worked as a secretary for a U.S. senator on Capitol Hill—a time she often recalled with great pride. She eventually returned to New Jersey, where she met the first love of her life, Charles “Chuck” Robinson. They married on November 1, 1962, and together raised three children: Eric, Kevin, and Jill.

Myrna cherished her role as a wife, mother, Nana, and aunt. While raising her children, she was actively involved in the community, particularly through the PTA at their schools. She was known for her strength, generosity and endless support of those she loved.

Nearly 15 years after Chuck’s passing (May 18, 1984), Myrna was blessed to find love again with Alvin Gateman. They were married on December 22, 2013, and shared 5 more glorious years together, before Al’s passing (September 18, 2018).

Myrna took pride in preparing and sharing cherished family recipes-especially bow ties & kasha, challah French toast and mandel bread. Myrna was well known for her infamous rum balls.

Above all else, Myrna loved her family deeply. She was a devoted and doting Nana, and her grandchildren brought her endless pride and joy.

Myrna is survived by her children: Eric (Lynne) Robinson, Kevin Robinson, and Jill (Kevin) Patruznick; her beloved grandchildren: Courtney Robinson, Aedan and Bodhi Robinson, Samara and Mylah Patruznick; stepdaughter Darcie (Tommy) Vitale and granddaughter Emma Vitale; as well as many cherished nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Max and Mary Kivitz; her first husband, Charles Robinson; her second husband, Alvin Gateman; her stepdaughter Gail Robinson; and her seven siblings (Fleisher/Kivitz)

Myrna passed away peacefully in the early hours of Friday, August 29, 2025. Her legacy of love, family, and strength lives on in all who knew her.

If you would like to make donations in Myrna's honor, please consider the following:

The Michael J. Fox Foundation

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# Tribute Wall



“ *To Jill and her family you have my condolences!*

*From Dr Vanessa Gilyard HHH c/o 87*

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**Dr Vanessa Gilyard** - September 27, 2025 at 09:57 PM