

Dianne Schwey Richman

PORTLAND — Dianne Schwey Richman died Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at her home with her loving family at her side following a long battle with cancer.

She was the daughter of the late Sarah and Henry Schwey. She was born and lived in Portland for her entire life. She was a graduate of Portland High School and was a medical secretary to Dr. Howard Sapiro for seven years.



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Mrs. Richman was married for 40 years to her husband Edward, who tenderly cared for her throughout her entire illness. Dianne's husband and her sons came first in her life. She was also a loving daughter, sister and aunt to her many nieces and nephews.

Dianne was one of the co-founders of P.O.L.D.S (Parents of Learning Disabled Students) and worked as an advocate helping parents who had a special needs child. She held meetings in her home for parents from Kittery and as far north as Waterville. She helped to start a library for this organization and it was housed in her home for many years and later donated to the Reading Workshop of Maine. She felt that more parents would benefit from the library there. Mrs. Richman was on a state committee in Augusta and was also on a legislative panel for children with learning disabilities. Mrs. Richman was nominated for the Jefferson Award. She was also a past president of B'Nai Brith Women, and a past member of A.C.L.D. She was an active member of Temple Beth El of Portland.

In later years, Mrs. Richman worked as a telephone receptionist for Orthopedic Associates of Portland. She was very dedicated to them and remained there until her illness prevented her from doing so.

Mrs. Richman is survived by her husband, Edward; two sons, Mark Richman of Portland and Jeffrey Richman and his partner, William Bennett of Franklin, Mass.; her twin sister, Helen (Schwey) Levine and her husband Harvey of Falmouth; three sisters, Rita (Schwey) Weisberg, Judith (Schwey) Benjamin and her husband Abe of Portland and Marcia (Schwey) Cutler and her husband Henry of Framingham, Mass.; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 1st at Temple Beth El, Stevens Avenue in Portland with Rabbi Carolyn Braun officiating. Interment will follow in Temple Beth El Memorial Park, Portland. A period of mourning will be held at her residence, 97 Birchwood Drive in Portland through Saturday evening.

Should friends desire memorials may be made to the:

American Cancer Society
New England Division, Inc.
1 Main Street, Suite 300
Topsham, ME 04086

in Mrs. Richman's memory

Arrangements are by Jones, Rich & Hutchins Funeral Home, Portland.



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