



# Elizabeth (Liz) Brody Tenenbaum

May 29, 1944 - March 4, 2022

Elizabeth (Liz) Brody Tenenbaum was a dedicated student in her class at A.B. Davis High School in Mt. Vernon, NY, and the first woman from her high school to attend Radcliffe College (of Harvard University). It was at Harvard that she affirmed her love of literature and met the physics PhD candidate she went on to marry, Joel Tenenbaum of Queens, New York.

After marrying at the Harvard Hillel in 1966, Liz and Joel moved to upstate New York, where they welcomed twins, Jessica Dale and David Alan Tenenbaum. Following her PhD at Stanford University, Liz went on to pursue faculty positions before taking a detour to Boston with two first graders and newborn baby, Elena Jean Tenenbaum, to attend the MIT Sloan School of Management. With textbook in one hand and nursing newborn in the other, she parented and pursued her dreams in a manner that was ahead of her time. Following a brief stint at Doubleday Press, Liz returned to academia, ultimately taking on the role of Assistant Provost at the CUNY Graduate Center. Liz served as a professor of literature until her retirement with focus on Lawrence, Conrad, Joyce, and Woolf.

A diehard feminist, Liz raised two daughters, who continue to pay tribute to her in their love of camping, careers, silver earrings, dried eucalyptus, and ice cream. Her son followed in her footsteps as the family's second English professor. In addition to her husband and three children, Liz is survived by her four grandchildren, Zev and Darius Ghiladi and Maya and Zoe Shah and son-in-laws Reza Ghiladi and Rajesh Shah. Liz will always be remembered for her sharp wit, her iconoclastic values, and her love of travel, literature, food, and family.

A simple graveside ceremony will be held 1:30 pm Thursday, March 10th at Sharon Gardens Cemetery, Valhalla NY ( <https://www.sharongardens.org/> ) . In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Let's Get Ready which envisions a future in which students from historically underrepresented backgrounds have the support they need to attain a college education. Let's Get Ready ( <https://giving.letsgetready.org/give/182859?amount=5000#!/donation/checkout> )

# Previous Events

## Graveside Ceremony

MAR 10. 1:30 PM (ET)

Sharon Gardens  
273 Lakeview Ave  
Valhalla, NY 10595  
(914) 949-0347

# Tribute Wall

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“ Elizabeth Tenenbaum was one of my closest friends in graduate school at Stanford University in the early 1970s. She was a year ahead of me and, even then, mentored other women students in terms of a job market still hostile to female applicants. A brilliant scholar, Liz published a major modernist critical study, "The Problematic Self," with Harvard Press; taught at Vassar; and then earned an MBA at MIT. She pursued a challenging career in Academia while raising three gifted, intelligent, and free-spirited children. Jesse, David, and Elena will continue as her greatest legacy to the world.

Liz and I, only daughters of Hungarian mothers, were like sisters, and we were fortunate to continue our friendship for over half a century. My husband, Jim Rooney and I, visited Liz and her family in Scarsdale, then in New York City. Liz and Joel stayed with us in our summer home in Eugene OR before exploring Alaska's inside passage via mail boat and public transport. When my husband died precipitously from pneumonia on 12/24/2014, Liz and Joel appeared on my doorstep in Louisville, KY, the following day and helped plan the memorial service. What amazing friends! It is hard to believe that my beloved spirt-sister is no longer walking the planet. Sincere condolences to Joel, David, Jesse, Elena, and all their families!

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**Dr. Suzette Henke** - March 13, 2022 at 11:56 AM

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“ Xia purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Elizabeth (Liz) Brody Tenenbaum.



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