

Ruth B. Kravitz, community leader and BSO supporter, dies

Ruth B. Kravitz died of cardiovascular disease March 30 at Roland Park Place. (Picasa / HANDOUT)



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Ruth B. Kravitz, a community leader and supporter of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, died of cardiovascular disease March 30 at Roland Park Place. She was 92.

The daughter of David Bayless, a pharmacist, and Fannie Bayless, a homemaker, Ruth Bayless was born and raised in Atlantic City, N.J., and graduated in 1941 from Atlantic City High School.

She was a 1945 graduate of **Cornell University**, where she earned a bachelor's degree in English. Family members said that on the first day of classes there she met her future husband, Sheldon C. Kravitz. They married in 1945.

The couple moved to Mount Washington in 1952. Mrs. Kravitz became an active member and leader of the League of Women Voters and the Mount Washington Improvement Association.

She also worked for a time as coordinator of the former Maryland Blood Services Group, a blood center in Baltimore.

Mrs. Kravitz was a regular attendee of Baltimore Symphony Orchestra concerts. Family members said she was a great fan of its former musical director, Sergiu Comissiona.

Mrs. Kravitz and her husband had a regular table at the old [Obrycki's](#) crab house in East Baltimore. They went every Friday to dine on seafood.

Her husband, a prominent Baltimore hematologist and oncologist, died in 2008.

Mrs. Kravitz was a member of Temple Oheb Shalom. Funeral services were held April 2 at Sol Levinson & Bros. in Pikesville.

Mrs. Kravitz is survived by three sons, Kenneth Kravitz of Keeseville, N.Y., Richard Kravitz of New Haven, Conn., and Robert Kravitz of Holmdel, N.J.; a daughter, Betsy Gamse of Baltimore; a brother, Dr. Theodore Bayless of Towson; 17 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

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