



Phoebe Starfield Leboy Nathanson

July 29, 1936 - June 16, 2012

PHOEBE STARFIELD LEBOY NATHANSON died peacefully at her home on Sat. June 16, 2012 at age 75, of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. Beloved wife of Neal Nathanson, loving step-mother of Kate, John, and Daniel, and adored step-grandmother to their six children, Leah Ochroch, Claire Ochroch, Alexander Nathanson, Sophia Nathanson, Olivia Nathanson, and Jack Nathanson. She was a retired Professor of Biochemistry at the School of Dental Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, where she was the first female Professor. As the President of the Association for Women in Science (AWIS), she devoted her last years to her passion, equal opportunities for women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The family requests that donations be made in her memory to either the Starfield fund at Swarthmore College or AWIS.

Tribute Wall



“ *Phoebe was a great mentor and role model. I will miss our annual lunches and her perspective on everything. More than her passion for science and women in science, she loved to talk about her grandchildren. I wanted them to know how fondly and proudly she spoke of them.* *###imported-begin###Karen Brunke###imported-end###*

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