



## Sylvya Glass

July 17, 1922 - July 20, 2015

Sylvya Glass passed away on July 20 at the age of 93. She arrived in Bellingham in 1955 after husband Jerry Glass accepted a music teaching position at WWCE (now WWU). On July 17, 1922, she was born Sylvya Leon, to immigrant parents in the Bronx, New York. While attending New York University in 1941, she met her future husband Jerry, in a cello class. They soon fell in love and dated until they were separated by World War II. After the war, Sylvya and Jerry re-united and soon married. The couple enjoyed a loving and deeply devoted marriage until Jerry's passing in 2003. She said she never stopped grieving the loss of her soul mate and life's love but every day she celebrated the memory of "our beautiful life together". Sylvya and Jerry were active members of the Beth Israel Congregation. Sylvya's biggest passion was music. She collected many instruments and played many styles of music. Her quick wit and infectious sense of humor always kept us on our toes. Her vibrancy, joyfulness, love of family, willingness to help and serve others, passion for music, art and learning new things propelled her through a wide journey of experiences and drew to her an even wider circle of friends.

Loving family includes children Marsha (Paul Brionez), Steve (Sue Elvrum) and Judy (Michael Leslie, deceased); eight grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; and many devoted friends.

She showed us what living a good life looks like. Her legacy of love infuses us

all.

If you wish to memorialize Sylvya with a gift, please donate to the Congregation Beth Israel New Building Fund at the following website: <http://bethisraelbellingham.org/index.php/giving/in-memory-in-honor-of> and select the New Building Fund from the drop-down menu.

A memorial service will be held at Western Washington University at the Performing Arts Center, on Friday, July 24th, 2015, at 2:00 PM.

Parking will be available at lots 11G and 14G on High Street. Please enter "memorial" at the parking kiosk, for a discounted rate.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *And as was usually the case, I've misspelled her name again.  
Sylvya, farewell and god bless you.*  
*Kris Halterman*

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**Kris Halterman** - July 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM