



Viola (Sister) Farkas Wigzell

January 15, 1936 - March 3, 2025

Sister was born and raised (as she liked to say) in Albany. She was the daughter of the late George and Anise Farkas. She attended Albany public schools and graduated from Albany High School in 1954. A life-long member of Temple B'nai Israel, she served her congregation as a Sunday School teacher and as President of both the Temple Sisterhood and the Hebrew Ladies Benevolent Society. She was a member Emeritus of the Junior League of Albany. She volunteered with many community organizations including Meals on Wheels and the Dougherty School System. For many years she shared her time and talents, both on and off the stage with Theater Albany. She is preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Jim Wigzell, a daughter Nesie Johnson, and her brother, Sam Farkas.

She is survived by daughters Lizanne Clay and Georgette Slocumb, son Tramm Wigzell (Katharyn), her brother Leonard Farkas, eight grandchildren, Becky Drake (Dan), Kelly Clay, Noah Clay (Abbyanne), Christopher Slocumb, Ivie Slocumb, James Johnson (Kyra), Maggie Wigzell, James Wigzell, three great-grandsons, Logan Elder, Scott Drake, James Robert Johnson and her two life-long best friends Katie Sue Gunnels and Bettye Pate.

“Aunt Sister” was much cherished by her nieces and nephews Lori Vanlinden, Sandy Farkas, Trudy Farkas, Janet Weinberger, Lorraine Farkas, George Farkas, and the late David Abramowitz and Anchell Berman.

Sister enjoyed playing Bridge, making jewelry, photography, and wrapping presents. She was a great dancer and a favorite partner of many for the Jitter

Bug.

She will be lovingly remembered for her quick wit, vivacious personality, and the love and devotion she shared with family and friends.

The family would like to thank the staff at Winfield Park for the kindness and care they gave to her.

Her funeral service will be at 2 PM on Friday, March 7, 2025 at the graveside at Riverside Cemetery.

Memorial donations can be made to Temple B'nai Israel, P.O. Box 71425, Albany, GA 31708 or the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

200 Cotton Ave
Albany, GA 31707

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PM

“ *Sister Farkas was such a dynamic lady. I knew her for years and always loved running into her and catching up on her life's happenings. Albany will miss you, sweet friend. RIP*

Patsy Martin - March 24, 2025 at 02:03 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Viola (Sister) Farkas Wigzell.*

March 05, 2025 at 09:39 PM

DH

“ *Lizanne,
Much love to you and your family. I have this clear memory of an early boy/girl party at your house and your mom just taking it all in stride. I think the boys were stuffing hot dogs in your couch (as boys do). Peace to your family.*

Debbie Hambley - March 05, 2025 at 07:23 PM

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“ *Sister was an icon! She gave so much! I enjoyed knowing her and remember her outgoing personality, she, Jim, and Nesie are in heaven enjoying each other and being funny! To all the family, prayers to each one of you!*

Theora Libby - March 05, 2025 at 05:43 PM

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“ Love, Trudy and Shamina purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Viola (Sister) Farkas Wigzell.



Love, Trudy and Shamina - March 05, 2025 at 01:59 PM

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“ Thinking of this family at this time.

Nancy Reimer - March 04, 2025 at 09:52 PM