



In Memoriam Kitty Lustman-Findling

Dear Calvin Hill Community and Friends,

I am sorry to convey the news that Kitty Lustman-Findling, founder, dedicated supporter, nurturing mentor, fierce advocate, knowledgeable consultant, wise and wonderful friend, died peacefully Tuesday, May 22.

She will be remembered with gratitude and love by all of us -- teachers, board members (she was still an active Calvin Hill board member almost to the end) and the thousands of children and families whose lives she touched in the more than 60 years she spent as an early childhood professional. Kitty was director of the Yale Child Study Center Nursery School and Master of Davenport College at Yale when she helped a group of idealistic undergraduates begin Calvin Hill Day Care Center in 1971. The Kindergarten was named in her honor in 1983. Throughout Calvin Hill's entire existence -- more than 35 years-- Kitty has been our most loyal friend and sustainer. Her vision, wise advice, gentle supervision, unflagging interest and extremely generous, ongoing financial support have enabled the Center to become what it is -- a national model of high quality early childhood education and a place for children, teachers and parents to learn and grow and thrive. I owe much of my own development as teacher, director, and leader to her trust in me and to her loving and firm tutelage.

Funeral services will be private; a public memorial service will be held in the fall. Although Kitty will be sadly missed, she will be with us always in many, many ways.

--Carla