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ORLOWSKI, MARIA B., Ph.D. / MIRIAM WINTER Age 81, of Jackson died on Saturday, July 19, 2014. She was preceded in death by her husband, Romuald, in 2011, and by her mother, father, and brother, Majta-Laja, Tobiasz, and Jozef Winter, who were murdered in the Holocaust, as were many other relatives. She is survived by her sons, Daniel Winter and David Orlowski, grandchildren Ava and Josef Winter, and their mother, Iris Winter, all of New York, and by relatives in the United States and Israel. A child survivor of the Holocaust in Poland who survived by adopting a false identity, she immigrated to the United States in 1969 and moved to Jackson in 1979. She wrote and published her story of survival, ""Trains: A Memoir of a Hidden Childhood During and After World War II"", under the name of her birth, Miriam Winter. She was a beloved author, teacher, and member of her community, who touched many lives. Among numerous honors and accomplishments, she was particularly proud of her Ph.D. in theatre history from Michigan State University, her honorary doctorate from Albion College, and being named Outstanding Adjunct Faculty of the Year at Jackson College, where she had taught for decades and directed plays in the 1980s. Many people in Jackson admired the garden that she and her late husband cultivated from the time they first moved to town. For those who wish, contributions in her memory to Temple Beth Israel (801 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson, MI 49202) or the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (100 Raoul Wallenberg Pl. SW, Wash., DC 20024 or donate.ushmm.org) would be appreciated. A public memorial gathering will be announced at a later date.



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