

SUZANNE SAMELSON (1950-2024)

Suzanne Samelson, a multi-decade member of Three Parks Independent Democrats and a longtime previous resident of W. 100th Street, died on May 28 at home in Thermopolis, Wyoming, where she and her husband Howard moved in 2014.

Although Suzanne and Howard left the Upper West Side for points farther afield, they never forgot their Democratic roots. Suzanne was a state committee member for the Hot Springs County Democratic Party. She was remembered by the state party as a “treasured member.” Howard twice ran unsuccessfully as a Democrat for a seat in the Wyoming legislature under the slogan “Howie for the House.”

In New York, in addition to TPID, Suzanne belonged to the Alumni Board of Barnard College and was a volunteer with the Riverside Park Conservancy; the Adirondack Museum in Blue Mountain Lake, New York; and the Alumni Association of Camp Ramah in the Berkshires and Nyack, New York.

In Wyoming, Suzanne was a former president of “Main Street Thermopolis” and belonged to the board of directors of the Hot Springs County Library Foundation.

While living in Manhattan, Suzanne and Howard owned the railroad memorabilia, antique and gift shop called Broadway Limited on Broadway at W. 107th Street. She later became a direct marketing specialist and an executive recruiter in the not-for-profit sector. After moving to Thermopolis she gradually left recruitment work and returned to being an entrepreneur as co-owner of the variety/general store “Discover Thermopolis.”

Donations in her memory may be made to the Leah Borden Samelson Scholarship at Barnard College, 3009 Broadway, New York, New York 10027; or the Hot Springs Foundation, Box 768, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443.