

OBITUARIES

Ben Maidenburg's Mother Dies At 84

Mrs. David Maidenberg, mother of Ben Maidenburg, Executive Editor and Publisher of the Beacon Journal, died Sunday morning in Marion, Ind., after a long illness. She was 84.

Born in Russia, she came to the U. S. in 1900. She lived in New York and Pennsylvania before settling in Marion in the early 1900s.

Mrs. Maidenberg's husband, David, proprietor of a dry goods firm in Gas City, Ind., near Marion, died in 1949.

ROSE MAIDENBERG never lived in Akron, but readers of the Beacon Journal had come to know her as "Mom" through her son Ben's Sunday columns.

Ben Maidenburg (Ben is the only member of the family to spell his name with a "u") wrote frequently of "taking a run out to Marion to see Mom."

After one such trip he observed:

"She lives alone in that big old house, and though she spends much time cleaning the house daily, it needs cleaning every day like a flood needs another bucket of water."

ROSE MAIDENBERG had a fondness for television soap operas, homemade soup and reminiscing . . . and a dislike for doctors.

"She's still having aches and pains, most of them assignable to advancing years, and she's still going to doctors — and ignoring their advice," Maidenburg once wrote, adding:

"Mom says: 'I've lived this long with my own cures. Why should I now take the advice of some squirt?' (The 'young squirt' is a 60-some-years-old doctor.)"



MRS. DAVID MAIDENBERG

MRS. MAIDENBERG also had a fondness for herring.

"My Mom comes from the old country. She loves herring," Ben informed readers of his column a year ago.

"She'd been told not to eat it any more, but Mom ignored the doctor. She had some herring and as a result, she got swollen gums. At least she blamed the herring for it.

"I said to Mom 'Why do you eat these things when you are told not to?'"

"She answered: 'Look. How many years do I have to live? Why shouldn't I enjoy myself while I'm still able to.'"

MRS. MAIDENBERG leaves three other sons, Milton, Meyer and Frank, all of Marion; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a. m. Tuesday at Sinai Temple,

Marion, with burial in IOOF cemetery, Marion.

Remembrances may be made to the Brothers of the Good Shepherd, Good Shepherd Manor, Wakefield, O., 45687.

Model Mother

"Mom" is gone.

And thousands of us, who never even met her, mourn her.

"Mom" was Publisher Ben Maidenburg's mother, and through his column he introduced us to her, her firm faith, her strength as a matriarch and her intense love for and pride in her sons and grandchildren.

We knew of her abilities as housekeeper, gardener and especially as a cook. And from Ben we learned, too, of her dedication to those basic elements of any good society: solid family relationships, religion, thrift and hard work.

Ben and his brothers were blessed that "Mom" remained with them, watching over them, rejoicing in their success and worrying over their diminishing appetites for years.

And we were blessed, too, in that we learned to respect and admire her.