

A letter from Marc Gurwith's sister, read by Marc

NELEE

For most of us, our memories of Nelee are the treasures she gave to us, treasures that will warm our hearts for the rest of our lives. Among the very special treasures Nelee gave me is her memory of my first birthday party in Paris and how much she enjoyed it. I can't remember it. She did and brought it to life for me. She personally shared her memory of my grandparents and her memories of the birth of my brother Marc. She told me the story of how her parents introduced my parents to each other, in Paris, the winter of 1930. Yes, we go back a long way, and the friendship between families, more like family than friends, will not end with the death of Nelee's body. Her spirit lives on in our hearts.

She had a difficult and challenging life. Most of you know her story. She worked so hard to celebrate the courageous people who risked so much so that she and Mina could survive and to bring that story to film so that their courage will not be forgotten. The stories of the righteous must be told and Nelee struggled to make sure their story was told and told well. Nelee did not do anything half way. She worked very hard these last few years to make sure the movie was very special, and I am looking forward to it's screening next April.

She made an impact on all who knew her, her warmth and generosity, her sense of humor, her knowledge, her enthusiasm, her courage all of her life and especially these last few months, these are some of the treasures she gave to all of us.

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