

Jo Anne Feldstein

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Date of Birth:

November 19 1927

Jo Anne Feldstein, 88, grew up in Detroit and moved to New York City where she modeled for more than a decade during the late 1940s and 1950s. "It was the best time," she said. "The war was over, fabric was available, and people had jobs. Everything was good." Following her long, successful modeling career, Feldstein returned to school to earn her master's degree and then went on to pursue her Ph.D. in sociology at the City University of New York (CUNY). She left CUNY with all but her dissertation completed toward her doctorate. Feldstein devoted the second half of her professional life to helping people with addictions through a 23-year career with a substance abuse clinic in New York. Among her clients: author Truman Capote, according to Françoise Darcq, Feldstein's friend of 53 years.

After Feldstein's husband died, she moved to Missouri to be close to her brother. Following her brother's death, Feldstein retired to Orlando. She was immediately drawn to the Orlando Public Library. "I love the library so much," she said. "It's one of the best things about Orlando." Feldstein began volunteering in the Friends of the Library Bookstore in 2006 and continued until she passed away on April 21, 2016. "She loved books and reading and volunteered every week at the library, helping in its third-floor bookstore," said Jane Poché, a member of the Friends of the Orange County Library System.

Feldstein is survived by son Ben Beecher of New York City, stepdaughter Joan DeSalvatore of Allentown, Penn., and step-son Andrew Feldstein, of Hayes, Kan., five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Media data:



Date of Death:

April 21 2016

Place of Birth:

Detroit, Michigan, United States

Place of Death:

Orlando, Florida, United States

Primary State of Residence:

Orlando, Florida, United States

