



Tatyana Arkadyevna Wilder

December 10, 1936 - July 29, 2023

Tatyana Arkadyevna Wilder, age 86 of New Hope, MN, passed away peacefully on July 29, 2023. Tanya was born in Yaroslavl, Russia in 1936. She shared many stories of growing up in poverty around the time of WWII, working in Siberian camps to pay back university costs, and teaching and living in Minsk, Belarus. She cherished the memories of the infant son and young daughter, Angel, she lost as a young woman. After caring for her aging mother, she moved from Belarus to the United States, and lived and worked in California as an au pair. She was introduced to Robert L. Wilder through mutual friends via phone calls and hand-written letters. In 1996 she moved to Minnesota where they were married and enjoyed thirteen years together before Robert passed in 2009. She quickly embraced her new family, who grew to love her dearly.

Robert and Tanya enjoyed family gatherings with the grandchildren, camping, biking, practicing English, dinner and dancing at a Russian restaurant, studying for Tanya to become a US citizen, and cuddling with their cats. Tanya loved literature, music and ballet. Like her mother, she was a talented seamstress and always dressed with elegance and class.

She will be deeply missed by her family - Bill (Kelly) Wilder, Kathy (Marc) Shapiro, Michael (Marsha) Wilder; grandchildren Jonathan (Meredith) Wilder, Lara Wilder, Rachel Gregg, Sarah Shapiro (Trevor Delamater), Michaela Shapiro, Hana Shapiro, Rebekah (Jonathan) Kepha, Mariah (Didier) Bwale, Austin Wilder; and great-grandchildren Gus, Rory, Henry and Milo. A private

family service is planned.

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“ *Tanya will have a place in my heart so long as it may bear. She treated me with such kindness and love while living at The Landings of Minnetonka. I miss her deeply and she will watch over us all. That is who she is and continues to be. Rest easy my friend. Thank you for all you shared. Love, Bob*

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