

## ROMA M. KALICINSKY 1952 - 2023

"I am not afraid of tomorrow, for I have seen yesterday, and I love today." -William Allen White

Roma passed away peacefully on September 8, 2023. Left to mourn her loss is her loving husband Ihor, beloved son Marko (Diana) and beloved daughter Vera (Bryan); her mother Maria, her sisters Christine and Myra (Ken); her brother Andrew (Tamara, deceased); large extended family, longtime dear friend Roma B., and friends. Roma was predeceased by her father Roman and brother George.

Roma was born in Toronto, Canada in 1952. At an early age the family moved to Winnipeg where her dad began working for Agriculture Canada as a veterinarian.

Roma and Ihor met as teenagers and enjoyed Winnipeg summers at the beach. After they both graduated from university they married in May, 1975. They travelled and vacationed as a family to many Canadian provinces and American states, yet California always seemed like home. In 1995, Ihor accepted an opportunity to relocate to California to practice medicine. In 2014, Roma and Ihor retired to the Central Coast of California and enjoyed their much-loved state - from the bucolic vineyards to the cities and the numerous quaint coastal towns.

Roma had an easy smile, a warm heart, a quick wit, and an open mind to all.

Roma embodied the spirit of Ukrainian love, wisdom, bravery, and resilience. At family gatherings her contagious laugh often ignited cascades of joy.

Roma nurtured the values of equality, tolerance, creativity, and an appreciation for music and the arts. Through her favorite songs, family anecdotes, and sheer love for her children, her memory and uplifting spirit live on.

My lovely, graceful, artistic, determined Rusalka is gone. I so love and cherish the life we made and enjoyed together. As always, the thought of her makes me smile.

A memorial service was held.

Special thank you to Dignity Home Health and Hospice Care for their comfort care, especially Lisa.

Vichnaya Pamyat - Memory Eternal

Slava Ukrainiy