



Tatiana Vessova Gotcheva

August 15, 2023

Tatiana Vessova Gotcheva, 62, of West Hartford, CT, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Tuesday, August 15th, 2023, in Yale New Haven Hospital, after a ten-month valiant battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

Tatiana was born on April 14, 1961, to Roza & Vesso Mazgalov in Ilindentsi, Bulgaria. In her childhood, Tatiana lived with her older sister, Valentina Marinopolska, and her parents in Sandanski, Bulgaria where her parents were teachers. During her childhood, she fell in love with Pirin Mountain, frequently visiting Popina Laka with her family for holidays. Popina Laka held a special place in Tatiana's heart, filling her with happiness and joy every time she would visit.

After Tatiana graduated high school from "SOU P.K. Iavorov" in 1979, she went on to study Mathematics at Sofia University in Sofia, Bulgaria. It is in college where she met, fell in love, and, in 1982, married Ivan Stanev Gotchev. They went on to have two children, Stanislav Gotchev and Rossitza Gotcheva, and lived happily together for more than 40 years.

After graduating college with a MS in Mathematics Education in 1984, she continued her education at Sofia University and completed consequently a Second Qualification Degree in 1985 and a First Qualification Degree (similar to the Ed.D. degree in US) in 1991. Tatiana started her lifelong teaching career at "87th Secondary School" in 1985 where she taught Mathematics for four years followed by ten years of teaching at "8 SOU Vasil Levski" in Sofia, Bulgaria.

In 1999, Tatiana and Ivan moved their family to the United States. They lived in Bangor, Maine for two years, where Tatiana became the “Mom” to many Bulgarian students at University of Maine at Orono, always being there for them to listen, hosting parties and cooking Bulgarian food to give them some comfort of ‘home’.

In 2001, Tatiana and Ivan settled in West Hartford, Connecticut where Tatiana worked as an Adjunct Mathematics Professor at Central Connecticut State University for 21 years and at the University of Connecticut for 17 years. Tatiana was a great educator, was beloved by many and positively impacted so many students’ lives throughout her career. She loved teaching math. One of the last things she said before she passed away was “I wish I had more time to teach math to my grandkids.”

In Connecticut, Tatiana was at the center of the Bulgarian community. She loved hosting large gatherings and cooking Bulgarian food. There was always laughter, singing, dancing and many good times shared with family and friends. Tatiana was loved by everyone who had the privilege of knowing her. Her superpower was her ability to love unconditionally. Every person she met felt her love, warmth, and her amazing, ‘bear hugs’. She was a true, trusted friend. A shoulder to lean on, a great listener, and most importantly an incredible mother, wife and a ‘funny baba’ as her grandkids liked to call her. Tatiana loved to travel. She was always excited to go on a new travel adventure, especially one that she could share with family and friends. One of her favorite places to visit was the Caribbean, especially Jamaica. ‘Jumping’ the waves in the turquoise water, soaking in the sun, and relaxing on the beach brought her peace and true happiness. When Tatiana took her last breath, the image on the TV in her hospital room changed to a picture of a Caribbean beach.

Tatiana was predeceased by her parents Roza & Vesso Mazgalov. She is survived by her husband Ivan Gotchev, her children Stanislav Gotchev and Rossitza Gotcheva, her daughter-in-law Alexandrina Tzanova, her son-in-law David Pinho, and her two grandchildren Ian Pinho, and Anabella Gotchev.

Tatiana is also survived by her sister, Valentina Marinopolska, and her family, Stefan, Atanas, Ina, Stefani, and Vesselina; by her brother-in-law Vasil Gochev, and his family Aneliya, Kalin, Dimitar and Sophie; by her sister-in-law, Nedialka Gocheva; by her godchildren Billie Marcheua, Neli Marcheua, and Mihail Sirmanov; by numerous cousins and their families, as well as many beloved friends.

Services will be held at Molloy Funeral Home in West Hartford on Saturday, August 19, 2023, at 10:30 am. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to the American Red Cross, an organization that helped extend Tatiana's life during her battle with leukemia

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG **19**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

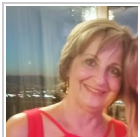
Tribute Wall



“ *Molloy Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Tatiana Vessova Gotcheva*



Molloy Funeral Home - August 17, 2023 at 03:52 PM



“Избрахме да кажем на нашата любима Танечка, в последния ѝ земен час, това стихотворение, написано от Петя Дубарова през далечната 1975 година, защото вярваме, че Таня ще продължи да живее, завръщайки се винаги във нашите очи, ръце, сърца и ум:

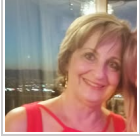
Попитай детето: „Какво е живота?“
И вгледай се в ясните детски очи;
във тях ще проблесне учудена нота
и в отговор детският смях ще звучи.

„Какво е животът?“ - попитай младежа.
Ще чуеш: „Това е красивия ден,
денят ми на младост, мечти и копнежи,
денят ми от слънце добро озарен!“

А старецът грохнал ще каже горещо:
„Обичам живота красив, окрилен.
Животът е скъпото, свящото нещо,
което отива си бавно от мен.“

Със същите думи запитай тогава
поета и слушай добре:
„Животът, това е, което остава
да диша, тупти и цъфти след смъртта.“

Irena Markova - August 30, 2023 at 11:17 PM



“ На Таня с обич от българските ѝ приятели в Кънектикът

Нашата малка сплотена група на българите в Кънектикът внезапно осиротя. Загубихме любим човек - нашата Таня.

Таня беше сърцето на групата ни.

Таня беше смехът в усмивката ни.

Таня беше спойката, която ни държеше заедно.

Таня беше човекът, който ще ти подаде ръка в труден момент.

Таня беше момичето, което всяка от нас смяташе за най-добрата си приятелка.

Още от първия момент, в който Таня и Иван дойдоха в Кънектикът, вратата на дома им беше отворена за тези, които имат нужда от помощ, имат нужда от топла дума или вкусна храна. Всички помним патладжаните на Таничка, вкусните погачи и други лакомства. Повечето от нас се срещнахме за първи път точно в къщата на Таня и оттогава започна нашето хубаво приятелство, което постепенно ни направи едно задружно, голямо българско семейство. Всички помним безумно веселите партита, в които се смеехме, танцувахме и пеехме до насита, красивият и топъл глас на Таня се извисяваше над останалите и ни водеше в песента, така както бавно и гордо, с вдигната глава, тя повеждаше и македонските хора.

Таня беше невероятна не само във веселието, но и в работата си. Всеки семестър на изминалите 22 години тя преподаваше неуморно на студентите в Central и UConn. Тя обичаше математиката, обичаше студентите си и работеше за тях всеотдайно.

Таня обожаваше семейството си и беше душата му. Иван беше светлината на деня ѝ. Следвайки техния пример, Станислав и Роси създадоха чудесни семейства с Аля и Дейвид, а сладките ѝ внучета Иън и Ани я обичаха и радваха всеки ден.

Сред нас, нейните приятели нямаше човек, който да не е докоснат от топлината и сърдечността ѝ. Таня беше

изключителен човек с висок дух, изпълнена с любов, доброта, съпричастност и оптимизъм, раздаваше себе си щедро на всички нас.

Таничке, ние не преживяхме с теб детството и младостта, но се срещнахме в особено важен и сложен период от живота си! През последните повече от двадесет години, прекарани заедно, ти беше до нас с лъчезарната си усмивка, с мъдрите си съвети, с безкористната си помощ.

Благодарим ти за прекрасните мигове, преживяни заедно, които никога няма да забравим! Обичаме те и ще останеш вечно в сърцата ни, Таничке! Почивай в мир!

Irena Markova - August 30, 2023 at 11:10 PM

DH

“ *Ivan, my condolences to your and your family. I knew students who had her as their math professor and loved her classes.*

Dr. Katherine Hermes - August 22, 2023 at 06:52 PM

NM

“ *Леля Таня, знам че знаеш, но страшно много те обичам, всички много те обичаме. Винаги си ми била леля на мен, нищо че сме от различни семейства. Много ми е тъжно че толкова скоро трябваше да си тръгнеш, но се надявам че си на по-добро място сега - заслужаваш всичко най-хубаво. Чичо Иван, Роси, Ушко (заедно с Аля и Dave) - много ви обичам и ви изпращам сили. ❤️💔*

Nora Micheva - August 20, 2023 at 07:01 AM



“ *Tanichka,
This is from your Bulgarian friends*

Our small, tightly knit and harmonious group of Bulgarians living in Connecticut is utterly heartbroken.

Because Tania was the heart and soul of our group.

Tania was our laughter.

Tania was the bond that held us together.

Tania was the person who would lend you a hand in a difficult situation.

Tania was the girl whom every one of us considered her best friend.

From the very first moment of Tania and Ivan's arrival in Connecticut, the door to their home was always open to those who needed help, a comforting word, or delicious food. How can anyone of us forget Tania's yummy eggplants, delicious "pogachi," and other tidbits! Most of us met for the first time at Tania's house. And thus began our deep friendship which gradually made us feel as part of one big, cohesive Bulgarian family. We all remember the wildly joyful parties when we laughed, danced, sang to utter content. Tania's beautiful, gentle voice rang above the others as she slowly, proudly, with her head held high would lead us into the Macedonian hora.

Tania was equally amazing and dedicated to her profession. Every semester of the last 22 years, she taught at the University of Connecticut as well as the Central Connecticut State University. She loved mathematics, she loved her students and was deeply committed to them.

Tania adored her family and was its soul. Ivan was its steady hand and Tania's shining star. Following their example, Stanly and Rosi created marvelous families with Alya and David. Tania's precious grandchildren Ian and Ani loved her and brought immense joy in her life.

Tania was an incredibly high spirited person, full of love, goodness, compassion and optimism, generously giving her best self to everyone. All of us, her friends, were touched by her warmth and kindness.

Tanichka, we were not part of your childhood and youth but we met at a particularly important and challenging time of our lives. During the twenty plus years spent together you were always by our side with your beaming smile, wise advice and unremitting help.

We thank you for the delightful and unforgettable moments you gave us.

We love you! You will always remain in our hearts, Tanichka! May you rest in peace!

Olga Petkova - August 19, 2023 at 04:17 PM

IA

“ *We will never forget the kind and cheerful Tania. She left a big footprint on our lives and will live in our memory forever. Alkalay family*

Iosif Alkalay - August 19, 2023 at 12:41 PM

LA

“ *My dear Tania, you were the kindest, good and funny person I know. You always be in my heart, because I always will keep loving you! Rest In Peace good soul and someday we can have our glass of wine together.*

Sending my love and warm hugs to the family. Lina Alkalay



Lina Alkalay - August 19, 2023 at 12:36 PM

DA

“ Иване и деца, много обичам Таня и вас и ми е много мъчно за нея. Искрено ви съчувствам, Таня е душата на вашето семейство и е човек какъвто рядко се среща. Не мога да говоря за нея в минало време, поне засега . Следих с много мъка всичко през което тя премина ...както и всички вие. Дръжте се здраво един за друг и мислете, че сега е на по-добро място. Да е светъл пътя ѝ, мир на праха ѝ , в рая да бъде!
Дора Алкалай



Dora Alkalay - August 19, 2023 at 12:24 PM

LM

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Liza Micheva - August 18, 2023 at 10:06 PM

TF

“ The Manev Family purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Tatiana Vessova Gotcheva.



The Manev Family - August 18, 2023 at 08:57 AM

IB

“ Irina B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tatiana Vessova Gotcheva.

Irina B. - August 17, 2023 at 11:53 PM

RG

“ Thank you Tatiana for the love you have shown my family from day 1. You will be missed. Memory Eternal! Ron, Z, Svetlana and Jack



Ron Greene - August 17, 2023 at 10:56 PM

IG

“ 1 file added to the album Tatiana



Ivan Gotchev - August 17, 2023 at 10:31 PM