



Tatjana Atassi

May 5, 1923 - January 23, 2017

Tatjana Atassi (Bergman) born in Riga, Latvia on May 5th, 1923. Passed away in Belmont, California on January 23, 2017.

Daughter of Lidia Bergmanis (Kaulins) and Frederik Bergmanis

Tanya escaped from Latvia to Sweden in 1944. Her father-in-law arranged for the journey, but when Tanya realized that the crew were fishermen, not sailors, she jumped into action and helped row the boat over the Baltic Sea to Gotland Island. She worked for one year as a farm hand, and then moved to Stockholm and worked in a factory.

In 1950 she was contacted by the Red Cross and learned that her mother and aunt had immigrated to the USA. Her cousin Irene Shkurkin sponsored her Visa to enter the USA. She arrived in New York on June 5, 1950 and then traveled by train to San Francisco to join her mother and Baba Valya Petrovna Vanags.

Tanya learned English, working nights in a sewing factory, and then was accepted to Nursing School at The French Hospital in San Francisco, graduating in 1954 as a Registered Nurse. Tanya continued to work at French Hospital until her retirement in 1988.

Tanya enjoyed traveling, gardening, nature and animals. Tanya ran Bay to Breakers until the age of 70. She became an excellent cook after retiring. She enjoyed preparing complex dishes for friends and family. One of her greatest loves was watching football, especially the 49ers. In her last few years, Tanya was the Queen of Bingo at Nazareth Vista.

Tanya leaves behind two daughters, Sanah Atassi Boisvert and Laila Atassi, four grandchildren, Natalie Tatjana Boisvert, Thomas Henry Boisvert, Rylan (Veronica Nicole) Anderson and Charles Sami Anderson, as well as three son-in-laws, John Henry Boisvert, David Alan Davolt and Richard Gustaf Anderson.

Cemetery Details

Serbian Cemetery

1801 Hillside Blvd
Colma, CA 94014

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 28. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (PT)

St. John The Baptist Orthodox Church
1900 Essex St
Berkeley, CA 94703

Service

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