



Renata Jadwiga Wnuk

January 26, 1934 - August 12, 2015

Renata Jadwiga Budzilowicz Wnuk, 81, of Corvallis passed away on Aug. 12, 2015, in her home.

She was born in Bialystok, Poland, to Alexander and Jadwiga (Sudlitz) Budzilowicz. The family moved to Torun, Poland, when Renata was very young. There Renata started playing the piano. She fell in love with the piano and attended music school and regular public school. She moved to Krakow, Poland, to attend Jagiellonian University where she received her master's degree in piano. She performed as a concert pianist and taught higher level students upon completing university. She enjoyed teaching and frequently chaperoned mountain trips for her students. She married Michael P. Wnuk in the '60s and left Poland to move with him to Pasadena, California, where he had received a job offer at Caltech University. The couple lived there for a few years before relocating to Brookings, South Dakota. There the couple was employed at South Dakota State University. Renata worked as a research assistant at Olson Biochemistry labs. They had one child, Jennifer Wnuk.

In 2009, Renata moved to Corvallis to be closer to her daughter's family.

Over her lifetime she delighted in music, nature, dancing, laughter, friends, family and travel. Her hobbies included gardening, cooking, embroidery and sewing. She loved her grandson, Marley, and being close to him was wonderful for both of them. She spearheaded many pierogi making sessions. She continued to travel to Poland frequently and missed her homeland dearly. She was a spirited adventurer and the life of the party at any gathering.

She is survived by sister Danuta Budzilowicz; daughter Jennifer Wnuk; son-in-law Scott Clark; and grandson Marley Clark.

She was preceded in death by her parents and ex-husband Michael.

There will be a memorial service at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at Samaritan Village, 285 N.W. 35th St., Corvallis.

Comments



“ Nancy Thiex lit a candle in memory of Renata Jadwiga Wnuk



Nancy Thiex - September 08, 2015 at 08:39 AM



“ Andrew L'Amour lit a candle in memory of Renata Jadwiga Wnuk



Andrew L'Amour - September 02, 2015 at 06:53 PM



“ Malgo Peszynska lit a candle in memory of Renata Jadwiga Wnuk



Malgo Peszynska - August 31, 2015 at 12:15 AM



“ We loved spending time with Renata, We first met at Samaritan Village. We loved her joking, the fun loving person she was. We talked of Poland, California, and Brookings So Dak. Since June was from Minnesota and both knew places around the area it was fun to talk about the area. When we retired we continued to see Renata and knew of her love of gardening and flowers and she would love walking through our flower gardens too.

We will hold her at a special place in our hearts and we do miss her.

Pat & June Curran

June Curran - August 29, 2015 at 11:22 AM



“ Lawrence Novotny lit a candle in memory of Renata Jadwiga Wnuk



Lawrence Novotny - August 26, 2015 at 10:44 AM



“ I meet Renata in the mid-1970s when we both were working in labs in Ag Hall. She was a pleasant person to work with.a nice sense of humor.

Lawrence Novotny - August 26, 2015 at 10:48 AM