



Luba Edlina Dubinsky

September 28, 1929 - October 4, 2018

Internationally renowned concert pianist Luba Edlina Dubinsky died on Thursday, October 4, 2018 at Hearthstone Health Campus and is deeply mourned by the world wide music community. She was born in Ukraine (then part of the USSR) in 1929 and started playing the piano when she was 5 years old. By 17 she was accepted into the prestigious Moscow State Tchaikovsky Conservatory where she was a student of Yakov Flier. She went on to become one of the leading pianists of the Soviet Union, traveling throughout the country and overseas. In 1950 she married Rostislav Dubinsky (Rosti), who was a founding member and first violinist of the legendary Borodin String Quartet and for 20 years she was a constant partner of the Quartet within the USSR, although travel restrictions at that time did not permit the pair the travel together outside the country.

In 1976 Luba and Rosti were able to emigrate to the West and together with their mothers, they settled in the Netherlands, where she taught at the Rotterdam Conservatory. She and Rosti formed the Borodin Duo and, with fellow émigré cellist Yuli Turovsky, the Borodin Trio. For the next 20 years she toured extensively throughout the world with these chamber groups and recorded many CDs for Chandos Records of London, England.

In 1981 she moved with her the family to Bloomington where she and Rosti joined the faculty of the School of Music at Indiana University (now the Jacobs School of Music). In 1987 Luba and Rosti became proud and patriotic American citizens. Luba's mother and mother-in-law both lived in Bloomington

with Luba and Rosti until their deaths. In 1997, Luba's beloved Rosti was lost to cancer.

In addition to her music, Luba's great pride was her table, and she entertained her friends extensively with lavish Russian-style dinners. Until she entered Hearthstone Medical Campus in 2017, a regular group of friends gathered at her home every New Year's Eve to celebrate the coming year with wonderful food and vodka!

She is survived by her cousin, Victor Mishkevic and his wife, Aza. She is mourned by her colleagues and especially by her closest friends, Stanley Ritchie, Elisabeth Wright and their daughter, Jessica Ritchie; Jerry Horner and Margaret Clements; James and Carol Campbell; Thelma and Mel Rice; Mimi Zweig and Atar Arad; and by the members of the Lafayette String Quartet in British Columbia – Anne Elliot Goldschmid, Sharon Stanis, Joanna Hood and Pam Highbaugh-Aloni.

She and Rosti had no children of their own, but her loss grieves her many former students, who are scattered world-wide with successful music careers. Luba's friends are grateful for the gentle, loving and respectful care she received at Hearthstone Health Campus, with special thanks to Renee and Wendy.

A graveside service and internment will be held at Valhalla Memory Gardens on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. No flowers please, but donations to the Rostislav Dubinsky Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o Indiana University Foundation, or to the Monroe County Humane Association, would honor Luba's memory and her legacy.

A memorial concert will be held at a later date.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, have been entrusted with arrangements. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence at www.allencares.com

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT **10**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Valhalla Memory Gardens
310 North Johnson Ave.
Bloomington, IN 47401

Tribute Wall

DI

“ *In diesen Tagen und Jahren (Ukraine) habe ich viel und oft an ROSTY denken muessen. Und ich habe oft Eure schoenen Ton-Dokumente angehoert.*

Also: unvergessen ! Dirk Nabering (Freiburg, Germany) Dirk@Nabering.com

Dirk - October 06, 2024 at 07:21 AM

JC

“ *The sad passing of Luba Edlina represents the end of one of the last links to the history of chamber music of the former Soviet Union. Her late husband Rostislav Dubinsky closed the chapter of the original personnel of the Borodin Quartet, the finest string quartet of the Soviet era. Luba performed many times with the original quartet and knew them better than anyone. With the founding of the Borodin Trio the musical legacy of the the Dubinskys along with cellist Yuly Torovsky continued for years afterward, demonstrating chamber music playing at the highest international level.*

A new chapter in the lives of the Dubinskys began when they both became professors at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. There they informed innumerable colleagues and students, representing an important link between the Soviet musical traditions and those of the West. They sucessfully demonstrated that there are invariably greater differences within schools of playing than there are between them.

The legacy of Luba Edlina will live on forever in our memories.

May she rest in peace.

Jerry Horner and Margaret Clements

Jerry Horner and Margaret Clements - October 17, 2018 at 09:58 AM

VM

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Victor Mishkevich - October 16, 2018 at 04:41 PM


CC

What a lovely photo of cousins.... so sweet and loving.

Carol Campbell - October 17, 2018 at 06:45 PM



“ *Vale Luba Edlina*

Farewell my dear sole! Not only have you been one of the most highly and internationally regarded and respected piano pedagogues and pianists of our time BUT an amazing and beautiful 'musician' in the broadest sense. You have shared, enlightened, nurtured, cared and supported me and so many other students and colleagues the awe-inspiring gift of music and wealth of solo piano and chamber music literature. May you rest in peace with the angels and the most wonderful journey in the afterlife. You will be greatly missed and loved across the globe! Bless your precious sole, many fond and wonderful memories forever... 



Stefanovych Roberts - October 10, 2018 at 10:47 PM

JV

“ *Julia, Nina and Alex Varshavsky purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Luba Edlina Dubinsky.*



Julia, Nina and Alex Varshavsky - October 09, 2018 at 04:58 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Luba Edlina Dubinsky.*



October 09, 2018 at 03:47 PM

CM

“ *David and I lived next door to this lovely talented woman for 14 years. One of our fondest memories during the summers of open windows that allowed us to hear her beautiful piano playing. She had a most remarkable life and we were fortunate to have known her. David and Cheryl Moeller*

Cheryl Moeller - October 08, 2018 at 03:12 PM

JC

Thank you. Although she has no children of her own, all her former students are "her children" and they - and Luba's friends - thank you for your comforting comments. Carol Campbell

James and Carol Campbell - October 09, 2018 at 07:38 AM

NT

“ *Natasha Turovsky purchased the Simply Lily for the family of Luba Edlina Dubinsky.*



Natasha Turovsky - October 07, 2018 at 04:19 AM

RB

“ *Renee Bartlett lit a candle in memory of Luba Edlina Dubinsky*



renee bartlett - October 06, 2018 at 02:53 PM

JC

Thank you, Dear Renee. You meant so much to Luba and brought sunshine into her final year. Love and hugs, Carol

James and Carol Campbell - October 08, 2018 at 07:18 AM

CC

Thank you to those who sent beautiful flowers to Luba's graveside service. They gave grace and tranquility to those of us who gathered. Afterwards, I took them to Hearthstone Health Campus, where Luba spent her final year, and put them in the lounge area next to her nurses station, where she spent much of her time. I'm sure these beautiful flowers were enjoyed by everyone who spent time in or passed by the lounge, including the caregivers who so tenderly looked after Luba.

"Team Luba" (i.e. those friends and former students who helped support Luba in her last year) thank you all.

Carol Campbell - October 16, 2018 at 03:20 PM

RB

“ just in the year i was with Luba i have so many memories of her,the Luba i knew was so different from how many knew her, when she first came to hearthstone we just clicked, she was more that my patient she was my friend, her smile always made my day,i will NEVER EVER forget her

renee

renee bartlett - October 06, 2018 at 02:51 PM

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Carol Campbell - October 06, 2018 at 09:04 AM