



Iraida Bakshy

November 11, 1931 - September 30, 2023

Iraida Bakshy, born on November 11, 1931, in Voronezh, Russia, led a remarkable life filled with trials, joy, and resilience. Her journey began during a tumultuous time as World War II erupted when she was just 10 years old. Along with her grandparents and mother, she was forced to evacuate to Siberia for safety. At the age of 15, she relocated to the far east of Russia.

Iraida's passion for aviation led her to pursue her dreams. She enrolled in an aviation college and later moved to Ukraine to study aviation engineering in Kharkiv, Ukraine. After completing her education, she settled in Zaporizhzhia, where she embarked on a new chapter of her life and met her future husband, Pavel. Their love blossomed, and they worked together as engineers at an aviation engine factory, dedicating their lives to their careers.

Their union was blessed with the birth of their daughter, Olena, a year after their wedding. Iraida and Pavel shared 51 years of companionship and support, building a life together centered around love and family. However, life took an unexpected turn when Iraida became a widow at the age of 78. She was also a colon cancer survivor.

In 2022, as Russia declared war on Ukraine, Iraida was forced to leave her home in Zaporizhzhia. Seeking refuge, she found herself in Hungary, awaiting documentation to join her granddaughter in the United States. It was during

this period of uncertainty that Iraida's faith in Jesus Christ began to take root. She recognized her need for salvation and accepted the grace of Christ into her life. Daily prayers of thanksgiving became her solace and source of strength.

In April of 2022, Iraida finally arrived in Alabama and spent the remaining year and a half of her life in Birmingham. She found solace in the city's beautiful nature, cherishing long walks and the companionship of her family's two beloved dogs. Throughout her time in Alabama, she was surrounded by the love and care of her two granddaughters, daughter, and American family.

During the last month of her life, Iraida was blessed with exceptional hospice care, ensuring her comfort and well-being. She peacefully passed away while her granddaughters and daughter were gathered in prayer, experiencing the presence of the Lord in their midst. She is survived by her daughter Olena Samara, her two granddaughters Natalya Drake and Iryna Samara as well as her only great granddaughter Margarita Drake.

Iraida Bakshy's life story serves as a testament to her resilience, courage, and unwavering faith. She overcame the hardships of war, embraced new beginnings, and found solace in the love of her family and newfound faith in Christ. May her memory be cherished and may her legacy inspire others to face life's challenges with grace and unwavering determination.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, October 6, 2023 at 11:00 AM at Shades Mountain Community Church. Elder Kevin Lee is presiding.

Please sign online condolences at www.boltonfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Shades Mountain Community Church
2281 Old Tyler Rd
Hoover, AL 35226

Tribute Wall



“ *I did not know this lady but started to read her obituary. What a fascinating life she had. Such a history lesson in her obituary. I really enjoyed reading about her. Sending thoughts and prayers to her family. May all these memories bring you much comfort on a life so well lived!!!!*

Susan@ Main Street Florist- Columbiana

Susan Conn - October 05, 2023 at 12:55 PM