

IN LOVING MEMORY OF SOPHIE S. RECKIE
OCTOBER 22, 1923 – FEBRUARY 4, 2019



Sophie Stepanian Reckie was born in Rostov-no-Dony, Russia and moved to Tabriz, Iran when she was a little girl. Her Father Stepan was a carpet and dried fruit merchant, and her Mother Elizabeth was a homemaker.

Sophie studied in Switzerland, first to be a concert pianist, and then later to be a medical hematologist before emigrating to the US in the late 1950's. She worked in numerous hospitals around Manhattan, first at Mount Sinai, then St. Luke's and Beth Israel, where doctors would seek out her expert advice.

Her devoted husband, Alexander, and her loving son, Stephan, were her greatest pride and joy. She would often refer to them each as "a piece of gold". The Reckie's made their home in a Washington Heights apartment building, where Sophie lived happily for over 60 years. In their day, she and Alec were known to host some fantastic late-night parties with friends, food and dancing with little Stephan enjoying the excitement and learning by example what it means to be generous sharing with friends.

Sophie was also the sister of Victoria, Zena and Nichola, mother-in-law of Jill, aunt of two nephews John and Peter, and sister in-law of Anatole and Alice. After retiring, Sophie took amazing care of her older sister Victoria who moved to New York to live with her. She traveled extensively with her son, Stephan, flying for a month-long trip around the world in 2006. Although diagnosed with macular degeneration and legally blind, she maintained a very active New York City lifestyle.

Sophie passed away peacefully at the apartment she shared with her son, Stephan. This Friday, the 8th, there will be a memorial service at 6.30 PM for family and friends at the [Holy Fathers Church](#), 524 W 153rd Street, New York, NY 10031. Please make sure to arrive before 6.30 PM as the memorial service will only last about 20 minutes. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to www.brightfocus.org, a non-profit that supports macular degeneration research.

Her funeral mass and burial will take place on Saturday, February 9th starting at 11 AM at the [Russian Orthodox Convent Novo-Diveevo](#), 100 Smith Rd., Nanuet, NY 10954, (845) 356-0425.

SOPHIE IS AT PEACE AND IS VERY LOVED BY MANY "SONS AND DAUGHTERS" AROUND THE GLOBE!