



Mrs. Galina Dolitskaya Soboleva Obituary

February 4, 1948 - June 5, 2012

Dr. Galina Soboleva, 64, of Albany died June 5, 2012 at The Willson Hospice House.

Visitation will be held on Friday June 8, 2012 at Kimbrell-Stern from 6:00 to 7:00PM followed by a memorial service at 7:00PM also at Kimbrell-Stern.

A native of Moscow, Russia, Dr. Soboleva has lived in Albany since 1991. She was formerly employed by Merck and Co. as a project Scientist for many years. Since 2005 she was teaching Chemistry at Darton College. Her commitment and dedication to the College are well known to her colleagues and students.

Galina's major enjoyment in her life was her work with talented students, communication with friends, reading books and travel abroad.

Survivors include her husband Victor Sobolev and daughter Irina Soboleva.

Those desiring may make donations to Willson Hospice House, 320 Foundation Lane, Albany, GA 31707.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors
1503 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Funeral Service

JUN 8. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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MC

“ I met my cousin Galina in the distant childhood, and we became friends at once. It happened in Leningrad in 1955, the year when Galina’s father (my uncle) Efim Dolitskiy returned from Stalin’s GULAG. Efim was a true WWII hero and GULAG martyr; he wrote a volume of memoirs about GULAG. Infrequently, I would see Galya in Leningrad, mainly on the day of our grandmother’s birthday. We always had sincere conversations about different things of common interest. In 1962 Galya sent me a hand-written copy of a shocking, for the time, poem, “Babi Yar” by a famous Russian poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko. She also sent me related debates about “Babi Yar”. Apparently, she wanted to share her overflowing feelings with me. She was very excited, and Yevtushenko became her favorite poet. I remembered this event when Galya showed me a photo that was made in 2003. She happened to be on the same plane with her favorite poet and was able to have a nice conversation with “the legend.”

Galya always loved her profession and tried to put her heart and soul into it. It always made me happy to know that her colleagues appreciated her personality, knowledge, and expertise.

A large internet correspondence with the Sobolev family has piled up over the years of their life in the USA. In 1998 Galya helped me get through a very difficult situation. In fact, she saved my life, and I am obliged to her so very much. Galya intuitively recognized my situation without any words, just by means of indirect signs. I have always felt that I had a spiritual relationship with Galya. I believe that this feeling was mutual because Galya used to call me from time to time and share her ideas, feelings, and concerns. No doubt these thoughts and feelings came from a highly intelligent person with a big heart and soul, a respectable daughter of her great parents, and at the same time, a caring mother. It really hurts to know that this life doesn’t exist anymore and she won’t come back. In loving memory...

Mikhail Dolitskiy - St.Petersburg, Russia - cousin - November 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

QS

“ *Dr. Soboleva will always be in my memory. We lost such a great teacher and a wonderful person! RIP Dr. Soboleva*

Quyen N Bach - Valdosta - Student - June 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *My heart is saddened for the Soboleva's as well as the rest of the students and faculty at Darton College. It was an honor to have been one of her students. She was a sweet lady with a huge heart. My thoughts and prayers are with this family.*

Tanya Card - Cordele, GA - student - June 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Dear Victor and family,
We pray that Galina finds peace in her journey.*

*With our sincere sympathy,
Laurie Azarraga and family*

Laurie Azarraga - Leesburg, GA - Merck colleague - June 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *We meet several times at Alexander's house. She was always happy, kind, and love my kids. Our prayers for her and family.*

Sergio Rodriguez and Family - Alpharetta, GA - Friend - June 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Dr. Galina Soboleva was an amazing professor. I took her for Chemistry I and II. There were times I wanted to give up but she wouldn't let me quit. She pushed me on and on until I passed her class! After I completed her class I even assisted her with her labs. She was more than my professor she is my friend! I'll never forget our many conversations and laughs in her office or passing in the hallways :-)* I still remember when I received my medical certificate in 2010 when I got off the stage I walked the wrong way and she had to get my attention I remember that Big Warm Smile! I'm finally an alumni of Darton thanks to the encouragment from Mrs. Soboleva! I love you very much Mrs. Soboleva you'll always have a place in my heart always and forever~you're truly missed may you R.I.PARADISE :-) To The Soboleva family you're in my prayers & I'm so sorry for your/our loss because she was truly an amazing, caring, devoted, loving and wonderful wife, mother, friend and professor!

Michita L. Brown - Albany, GA - student and friend - June 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Dear Victor and Irisha,*

We are so sorry to hear about Galina. She was a wonderful person and will be missed. We are sending our condolences to you in this time of sorrow. We are here for you guys, please do not hesitate to contact us if you need anything.

*Love,
Svetlana & Vasilisa*

Svetlana Reed and Vasilisa Barsukova - Albany, GA - friends - June 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Victor: My heart felt condolences for the tremendous loss. We are praying for you to get the strength to withstand this loss.
Chari

Chari Kandala - Albany, GA - Colleague - June 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Victor, I am sorry to hear of Galina's passing. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Debbie

Debbie Sutton - Albany, HI - friend - June 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I was so blessed to know both Victor and Galina through teaching Irisha as a voice student. What a beautiful family. Galina was such a kind and loving person. Tommy and I both send our love and condolences to all of you.

Deanna Weber - Leesburg, GA - Friend - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Galina was a wonderful person, loving mother and wife, and truly professional teacher. We will remember her smile and love for Russia. She will be missed greatly. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Sobolev family during these coming days.

Buck & Leslie Burch - Atlanta, GA - Friend - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ It remains an honor to have known Dr. Soboleva. She was always encouraging and willing to help in whatever way she could. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. ??????? ? ?????? ??????????. (Rest in peace)

Lindah Kotut - Statesboro, GA - Student - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ I first met Dr Soboleva in spring 2007 when I took Principles of Chemistry II. I will go on to take Principles of Organic Chemistry I with her in summer 2007. I was her lab assistant in fall 2007, and spring 2008.

I am devastated by the news of her leaving us, because I know first hand what she brings to the world of Chemistry and science. One thing I learned from her while working in the lab was what she always said to me;

'Edwin, we must not just follow instructions on the lab manual, we must think about the concepts for it to make sense'.

The 'thought process' is what she based her teaching on. I am proud and lucky I got to know her on a personal level, and to be influenced by her is truly a blessing.

RIP, Dr Soboleva, I will never forget you.

Sincerely,

Edwin E. Nyambi.

Edwin Nyambi - Student - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Galochka,

My dear, sweet and tender Friend. To me you always has been a ray of sunshine, sharing your warmth so openly and genuanly. And you will remain deeply in my heart...

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Voctor and Irisha,

Our thoughts and prayers are going to you.

Tanya and Anyuta.

Tatiana Loomis (Swanson) - Austin, TX - Friend - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

Jl

“ *I unfortunately never had the opportunity to meet Dr. Soboleva, but I am praying for my dear friend Irisha. Remember I am here for you day or night.*

Jesse Selvidge - Milwaukee, WI - Friend of Irisha - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I count it a privilege to have had Galina as a colleague, and known her as a friend. She cared much for her students, and she was always kind and thoughtful to all.

Craig Flowers - Albany, GA - Colleague - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Galina was my special friend at Darton. It was an honor to have known her. She would always go the extra mile for her students. I will cherish the memories of her greeting me with a big hug and a smile every time we saw each other. She loved her family and her students dearly. She will truly be missed.

Peggy Schelske - Sylvester, GA - friend - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ Victor and Irina,

You are both in our prayers. Please find comfort in knowing that to "be absent of the body is to be in the presence of the Lord". Another angel now watches over you. May God wrap his loving arms around the both of you. Do what Galina would want you to do. Cherish her memory by doing good deeds and let it live on. May she Rest in Peace .

Victor, let us know if there is anything you need in the days and months ahead.

Love ya,

Gary & Becky

Gary & Becky Dorough - Albany, GA - friends/next door neighbors - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Galina was a bright spot in my day when we met in the halls of the science building. She always had a smile on her face and something nice to say to everyone she encountered. She was a wonderful colleague, scientist, teacher, and friend. I am lucky to have known her and feel that my life has been enriched by being able to call her my friend. She will be missed by many. My sympathies to her family. May she rest in peace.

Josie Moore - Cuthbert, GA - colleague - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Mrs. Galina was a very special, smart, and sweet woman that has been a blessing to my life. I frequently sought her out during the various Faculty/Staff meetings and other events that took place during the regular life at Darton College. She was always smiling and I could always count on her to laugh at my corny jokes. You will be missed but your life has touched many people in a highly positive light. May your family be comforted during this trying time and embrace your memory until the day of reunion.

Dennis Sledge - Albany, GA - Friend - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I was fortunate to have worked with Galina at both Merck and Darton. She was a great lady who will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Charles Barnes - Albany, GA - colleague - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ Galina was a wonderful friend, a powerful educator, and an amazing woman, with a gentle soul, and a kind word for everyone she met. She was loved, and she will be greatly missed.

Wanda Lewis - Albany, GA - friend and colleague - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I'm so glad I had a chance to meet Galena. My only regret was I didn't get to know her better. She was such a sweet lady and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Milbra Schweikert - friend - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I have lost the best friend ever! Galina was truly a very special person to all who knew her. She was so kind and dedicated to her profession. Only time will tell how many of her students became great chemists because of her love and desire that they should. Rest in peace Galina until we meet again.

Muriel Sue Reakirt - Albany, GA - Friend and cohort - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ With love from Simon's family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sandra Tippett - Peachtree City, GA - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ My heart goes out to Irisha and her father, Victor. I am honored to have had the pleasure of knowing Dr. Soboleva. She will be missed.

Simon Tippett - Athens, GA - friend - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ My heart goes out to the family of Dr. Soboleva. Of all my time at Darton I had three classes with Dr. Soboleva and over that time she became like my mom of chemistry. This lady had the biggest passion for what she did and she was always willing to stay any time to help me with anything that I was having trouble with. I always looked forward to her encouraging words when things got hard in class. It was a pleasure and an honor to have Dr. Soboleva as my teacher and she will always be remembered.

Crystal Jones - Sylvester, GA - student - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM