



Olga Z. Taylor

January 9, 1922 - November 12, 2015

AMHERST—Olga Z. Taylor, 93, died 12 November 2015 in Northampton, Massachusetts. Born in Hamtramck, Michigan on 9 January 1922 to the late John (Ivan Vasilovich) and Anna (Demery) Zazuliak, she grew up on the Lower East Side of New York, the city sparking her varied creative passions. With her Ukrainian dance troupe, she danced at the White House before President and Mrs. Roosevelt. She was graduated from the Manhattan High School of Women's Garment Trades in 1940, remaining a distinguished needlewoman all her life. In the 1950's she studied painting, making talented portraits of family and friends.

In 1962 she received her B.A. in French from New York University, her translation of Maupassant's *The Necklace* having appeared in print. On 19 May of that year she married her professor, Robert E. Taylor. The following year they moved to Amherst where Bob Taylor would head the then Romance Languages Department of the University of Massachusetts. The couple were well known for their frequent elegant French dinner parties, through which Olga Taylor contributed her fine cooking skills to her husband's efforts to build the Department.

Until her final illness, she continued to paint, quilt, read, and make clothes, including a suit for her husband and historical costumes sometimes worn by the family at their dinner parties. From 2010 she lived at Linda Manor in

Leeds, where she was welcomed and cared for like family, for which her daughter is most grateful.

Predeceased by her parents, her twin sister Stephanie Krywucki, and her husband, she leaves a daughter, Anne-Marie Taylor, a niece, Alexandra Mengelkamp of Las Vegas, and a nephew, John Krywucki, of New York. New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC 25 Mill St., Springfield, MA has been entrusted with the final arrangements. Visit www.nefcc.net

We invite you to send a message of condolence to the Taylor family at www.nefcc.net

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Anne-Marie,
My sympathy to you on the loss of your mother, and my thanks for your long and dedicated care of her (and your father). The photograph of your mother and her obituary are wonderful tributes to her extraordinary life and talents. It was sad to see your mother diminished in her later years, but I am glad that she did so well at Linda Manor and found peace and good care there.
I hope that you are well.
Sincerely,
Anne Weaver

Anne Weaver - February 14, 2023 at 10:20 AM