

Tania was an extraordinary human being. She had a full, meaningful, and happy life despite first being diagnosed with cancer some 30 yrs ago. She was a wonderful Mom to her 2 boys, Paul and Stephen, and was kind, attentive, and modest about her many achievements. As you have already heard, she had a distinguished diplomatic career and worked with my husband Bill over 30 yrs. ago in Kazakhstan. More recently, some 3 1/2 years ago, I was delighted when Tania joined the Board of The Washington Group, an Association of Ukrainian American Professionals. She was full of energy and ideas, and, as Secretary, wrote our Board minutes even when she was getting treated for cancer. I had hoped she would become our next president, because I knew she would be terrific.

When it was becoming a real challenge, she still wanted to stay active in the community. I last saw Tania at a social event with her beloved husband Luca. Her Mom told me that Tania would probably not be able to come. But taking after her accomplished and energetic Mom, she had fashionably wrapped her head with a lovely scarf, and she looked beautiful and happy to be there.

Tania will be missed. She fought a good fight, but unfortunately, was taken from us much too soon. She will continue to live on in her beloved children Stephen and Paul, and in all our fond memories of her. Now she is with her Dad, an intrepid journalist who, like Tania, had also worked at USIA, and together, they are dancing with angels. On behalf of The Washington Group, I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Tania's family, especially to her husband Luca, children Paul and Stephen, mother Marta, and sister Dora. Вічна пам'ять. Eternal memory!