



## Asya Litvak

January 9, 1956 - January 9, 2016

Asya Litvak died peacefully at home on her 60th birthday, Saturday, January 9, 2016, following a courageous year-long battle with cancer. Her husband and daughter were at her side. She is survived by her partner in life of nearly forty years, Konstantin, her daughter Yuliya, her nephew Dmitry, and many other relatives and close friends.

She was born and raised in Moscow, Russia, as Asya Simhavna Figlina. She began studying music at the age of six, which was the genesis of a life-long love of classical music. In 1970, she graduated from music school and continued her musical education in college. From 1980 until 1985, Mrs. Litvak studied at the Moscow Musical and Pedagogical Institute, where she received a Master's degree in Piano/Music Theory. She began teaching at the age of 21, and naturally instilled in her students the same love and passion for music she had discovered in herself.

In 1976, she met her husband Konstantin Litvak. They were soon married, and had a daughter, Yuliya. In 1992, the family immigrated to the United States and settled in Houston, TX. In 1999, she opened her own school: West Suzuki and Traditional School of Music. Music was her grand passion throughout her life, and it helped her through the hardest of times. She was deeply loved over the years by her students and their families.

Asya was a kind and spiritual person. She devoted a great deal of time to

studying religion and spirituality. Every week for many years, she volunteered at a local church to help feed the homeless. She cared deeply about her friends and family. Asya saw beauty and goodness in everyone, and tried to help as much as she could. She will live on in the hearts of many, and be forever remembered for her elegance of spirit.