

We are profoundly saddened by the sudden passing of Yuliya (Julie) Nikiforov on November 4, 2023, after a brief illness at the age of 46.

Yuliya was born in Samarkand, Uzbekistan to Anatoliyi and Nelia Nikiforov on February 15, 1977. Besides her immediate family, Yuliya is survived by her mother Nelia of Israel. Yuliya studied English and German at the Samarkand State Institute of Foreign Languages and enjoyed her work as an English teacher. Yuliya found and married Envar Karaev, the love of her life, on June 24, 2000 in Samarkand. Yuliya delighted in their daughter Anya (Anna) and son David. In 2001, Yuliya, Envar and Anya emigrated to Israel and again in 2016 embarked on a new adventure emigrating as a family to Canada and settling in Halifax. Yuliya loved learning. She was in the midst of studying psychology at Mount Saint Vincent University with the objective of becoming a counsellor at the time of her passing.

Yuliya was baptized in the Russian Orthodox Church as an infant. Despite the government policy denying the existence of God, Yuliya had a powerful personal encounter with God and discovered great joy in becoming a follower of Jesus Christ. Yuliya's joy in life was infused with her love of God, her care for others, and her desire to see God at work in all she did. Yuliya was a much-loved member of the faith community of Grace Chapel. She was an active participant in small group gatherings, caring deeply for those in her circle. In her final days, Yuliya wished to reconnect with her Russian Orthodox Church traditions. A special thank you to Father Alexander and Father David of St. Vladimir Orthodox Church for ministering to her in hospital and in the memorial service. Special thank you to Pastors Ross Macdonald and Pelham Flowerdew along with Yuliya's many friends at Grace Chapel for all of their love, care and support through this difficult time.

Yuliya was a person of joy who loved to make others laugh and to provide compassionate care in times of difficulty. She was a loving mother who took great pride in her whole family, especially David and Anya. Her infectious smile and impish wit will be something we cherish.

Interment will be at Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Halifax.

Memorial Service Yuliya (Julie) Nikiforov 1977-2023



For God, who said,
'Let light shine out of darkness,'
made his light shine in our hearts to give us
the light of the knowledge of God's glory
displayed in the face of Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6

Praise to God, the Ruler of the Earth

46 Дирижеру хора. Псалом потомков Кораха.

- ² Рукоплещите, все народы,
вознесите Богу крик радости.
³ Как грозен Господь Всевышний^[a],
великий Царь над всей землей!
⁴ Он покорил нам народы,
бросил нам под ноги племена.
⁵ Он избрал нам наследие –
гордость Иакова, которого Он возлюбил. *Пауза*
⁶ Бог вознесся под крики радости;
Господь вознесся под звуки рогов.
⁷ Пойте Богу хвалу, пойте!
Пойте хвалу нашему Царю, пойте!
⁸ Бог – Царь над всей землей;
пойте Ему искусный псалом^[b].
⁹ Бог царит над народами;
Бог восседает на святом престоле Своем.
¹⁰ Собираются вожди народов,
вместе с народом Авраамова Бога,
ведь земные правители^[c] принадлежат Богу;
Он высоко превознесся.

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

- 47** Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples!
Shout to God with the voice of triumph!
² For the LORD Most High *is* awesome;
He is a great King over all the earth.
³ He will subdue the peoples under us,
And the nations under our feet.
⁴ He will choose our inheritance for us,
The excellence of Jacob whom He loves. *Selah*
⁵ God has gone up with a shout,
The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
⁷ For God *is* the King of all the earth;
Sing praises with understanding.
⁸ God reigns over the nations;
God sits on His holy throne.
⁹ The princes of the people have gathered together,
The people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth *belong* to God;
He is greatly exalted.

Order of Service

Welcome

Memories of Friends & Family

Start of Funeral

Little Litany

Gospel Reading

Reading of the Epistle

Litany of Fervent Supplication

Blessing

Officiants:

Pastor Ross Macdonald
Archimandrite David (Edwards)

Pall Bearers:

David Vanier, Jordan Cumming, Naveen Menon,
Pelham Flowerdew, Prasanth Mukundan, Robin Mullin