

Izabella Morava- Protzner

OCTOBER 16, 2020

March 21, 1943- Zalaegerszeg, Hungary

October 16, 2020- Calgary, Alberta

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our beloved friend, grandmother, mother, and wife, Izabella, who passed away on the afternoon of Friday, October 16, 2020, at the age of 77 years.



Izabella received her MD and PhD at the University of Medical Sciences of Hungary, Budapest in 1967. Following her immigration to Canada in 1981, she had a prolific career in Anatomical Pathology, working at Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto, then as Division Head at Saint John Regional Hospital, New Brunswick, and finally at Calgary Lab Services, Alberta.

Izabella has impacted many lives by her happy disposition, inspiring and encouraging her family, friends and colleagues to their full potential. She was a role model and mentor to her colleagues and friends and her guidance will be dearly missed. To her family, she was our source of love and support. Her love of opera will always echo in our hearts.

We will miss her kindness, intelligence, and joie de vivre. We are so proud of her, not only for her accomplishments, but also for the person she was.

We will always love you, and you will always be in our hearts.

Izabella is survived by her husband, Kalman Protzner; her daughter, Andrea Protzner; her son-in-law, Filomeno Cortese; and grandchildren, Adam and Luke. She also leaves behind extended family in Hungary and the United States, as well as friends around the world.

If friends so desire, Izabella and her family would appreciate memorial tributes to be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada, 110-1525 Carling Ave, Ottawa, ON, K1Z 8R9, <https://www.heartandstroke.ca>.

Messages of Condolence

Kalman, Andrea and Family

It is with profound sadness that I am hearing of the death of Dr Morava- Isabella ,our beloved friend and leader in our Pathology Lab , Saint John NB .She inspired us to excel in our work as technologists and led by example her love of family. Memories of my time with Isabella will be ever present in my heart .God bless all

— **Jane Agar MLT(retired)**

To Kolman and family, so very sorry to hear of this news. My prayers go out to you and all the family

— **Neil Sampson**

So very sorry to hear of your loss. Dr. Morava-Protzner was so kind to me when I worked in Pathology in SJRH (secretary). My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

— **Melody Mckay**

Izabella was my mentor and learned many things from her. She liked me a lot! Had so many dinner with her. Can't say enough about her.

Now She is with Almighty and in heaven.

— **Monowar Hossain**

Kalman, Andrea and family,

We, Izabella's Pathology family, grieve her loss with great sadness. We have often bragged to the new staff about the gatherings we attended each fall. The food, drink, music, and conversation often extended into the early morning. Izabella will be remembered for her compassion, empathy and dedication to her profession, colleagues and to her staff. She was a confidant, counsellor and friend to many. You are, and shall remain in our hearts, thoughts and prayers, not only today but in the days and months ahead.

— **Heather Richard**

My deepest condolences to Dr Morava-Protzner's family at this difficult time. Our lab was shocked and saddened by her sudden passing. I worked with Morava Protzner for many years at the Saint John Regional Hospital. We had many great meals prepared by Izabella and Kalman. They were amazing cooks and welcomed you into their home like you were family. She was a kind, proud, strong and intelligent woman. We knew she could solve any problem that arose. She valued and respected all staff members equally. The lab has not been the same since they moved to Calgary; however we knew she wanted to be close to her family. They bonded us all like no others. I can only imagine how devastated you all must be. Rest in Peace sweet lady, you will be greatly missed.

— **Dana Murphy**

Dr. Protzner and family I was so sorry to hear that Dr.Morava had passed away. I was privileged to have worked with her for many years-she was so patient ,kind and helpful to all her staff. We enjoyed the annual dinners at your house and all the pizza parties you hosted at work. We all missed you both when you moved to Calgary but understood how important it is to be close to family. My deepest condolences to all of you.

— **Darlene Murray**

Dear Kalman and family

Please accept my deepest condolences on the loss of your beloved Izabella.

She lives in the hearts of many who had the privilege to know her.

I have nothing but the most cherished memories of working with her at the Saint John Regional Hosptial Pathology Department.

A true lady, a mentor of kindness and compassion. ☐

With my love

Lori Clarke

— **Lori Clarke**

To Dr K Protzner, and other loved ones that Izabella leaves behind: Please accept my deepest condolences. To Him she belonged, and to His mercy she has returned. We remember Izabella most for her open heartedness and for being generous with her time and attention. We have thought of her many times in the days that have passed, and we will think of her, fondly, in the days to come. May you and the family find the strength to bear this loss.

— **Ather & Sughra**

Dr. Protzner & family,

I am so so saddened to hear of the passing of your beautiful Izabella. I will always have such wonderful memories of the incredible woman that she was!

I never wanted to miss one of the dinner parties where you opened your home up to all the Pathology staff, for many years.

She made the Best Desserts

— **Monica Alward**

I was so saddened by the sudden loss. I loved visiting Izabella and Kalman in Calgary and Saint John, and in Hungary that one fortunate time. She was generous and kind and had a great sense of humour. We will miss her. Long virtual hugs to Kalman, Andrea, Fil, Adam and Luke. Rest In Peace Iza.

— **Anthony Cortese**

My deepest condolences to Dr. Morova-Protzner's family. Izabella was an amazing woman and doctor, we will miss her dearly at the Peter Lougheed Hospital here in Calgary.

— **Holli Marty PA CAP-AP Calgary, Alberta Canada**

Dear Kalman and family. I am so sad to learn of the passing of Isabella and am sorry for your loss. My memories of time at your home are memories of warmth and kindness. I wish you all the best during this difficult time.

— **dora nicinski**

Dear Kalman, Andrea and family I want to let you know how deeply saddened I am for your great loss. Izabella was such a beautiful person I so enjoyed our chat sessions at the house when I was working. Kalman and Izabella were always so kind to me.

— **Lynda Lynch**

Kalman, Andrea, Fil and Family It is with great sadness that I learned of the death of Izabella. I had the great honour of working with her for 12 years in Saint John. She provided such a wonderful example of what a leader should be. She was so kind and generous. I cherish all of the wonderful memories over those years. Going to the annual fall party was always a highlight. Listening to all of the stories and sharing many laughs. The love she felt for her family was very evident and she lit up with pride whenever she spoke of you. May you find comfort in each other. You are in my thoughts in prayers at this difficult time.

— Jennifer Chamberlain

Chevonne and I had the pleasure and honour to have Izabella in our lives. She enriched our lives and supported us in our time of need. Special people like Izabella and Kalman are very rare. To have the two of them in your life is like winning the lottery twice. Thank you very much for your friendship. We will miss you dearly, Izabella. Fabio and Chevonne. ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

— Fabio Centini

Dear Kalman and family. I was saddened to hear of Izabella's passing. I enjoyed my years working with Izabella at the Peter Lougheed Centre. She held a special place in my heart. She was a very professional, caring and sincere person. She will be greatly missed. My husband and I both send our condolences and we treasure the time we spent with you. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

— Shelly Trudeau

My deepest condolences to the family of Dr. Isabella Morava-Protzner. She was a sweet lady and a good doctor. We will surely miss her.

— Remedios Vardeleon

To Kalman, Andrea and family: We were saddened to hear of Izabella's passing recently. She was a wonderful colleague and host in her Rothesay home and in Calgary. We send our prayers for her loved ones in Canada and Hungary.

— **Dr Albert and Barbara Fraser**

Kalman, we have been thinking about you and your family since we heard the sad news. We can only imagine how difficult these weeks have been for you. Izabella was such a wonderful woman. We have fond memories of gatherings and good food at your home. Our sincerest condolences to you.

Diane & Cenk

— **Diane Burt & Cenk Acar**

Drága Kukac, Cino, Adam, Luke és Fil!

Szavakba nem tudjuk önteni milyen borzalmasan sajnáljuk Izuka eltávozását, sajnálunk benneteket és rengeteget gondoltunk és gondolunk rátok ebben a nagyon nehéz és szomorú időszakban! Nagyon szerettük Izukát, emléke örökre a szívünkben él és nagyon fog hiányozni!!

Millió puzsi és ölelés, szeretünk benneteket:

Bori, Kati, szüleink Bandi, Márti, gyerekeink Alex, Maxi, Scarlett, Tristan, férjeink Josh és Mike

— **Barbara Vastag**

Kalman & Family,

So sorry to learn of Izabella's death. She was an excellent and highly valued colleague. Her warm and generous personality made her a friend as well. Please accept my sincere condolences.

— **David Beaudin**

Dear Kalman and family, I am deeply saddened to know Isabella's passing. She was a such beautiful and wonderful person. Her friendship and kindness are always in my heart. Please accept my deepest condolences.

— **Ping Yang**



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