



## Daisy Gabriella Lazarovits

October 26, 2022

Daisy Lazarovits, nee Bartok, born 1927, in Budapest Hungary, passed away peacefully in her home on her own terms, on October 26 2022.

Daisy is lovingly remembered as a “force of nature”. Due to the atrocities of World War II, she was left the sole survivor of her family, at the age of 15; lived through the Russian invasion of Hungary; married, and with her husband, Paul Farkas and their 6-week-old baby, escaped to Canada in 1948. The family worked in their restaurant, built it into a catering and vending concern, with Daisy then going back to university at age 40, to become a teacher. She remarried in 1994 and she and Steven Lazarovits spent the next decades travelling. Daisy was an avid hiker, member of the Bruce Trail Association, played tennis, was curious about the world, voraciously read the Atlantic Monthly, the Economist and everything else, taking courses at York and Ryerson right until her 95th birthday, always retaining her strong opinions, acerbic wit and sense of humor to the very end.

She is survived by her beloved family: daughters, Suzanne (Toronto, ON) and Marianne (Lexington MA.) and her granddaughter, Kathryn Farkas; as well as her step grandsons, Jamie and Adrian Lazarovits, and their sister, Choe. In Hungary, she is survived by her niece, Erzsébet Korona, her daughter, Zsofi Szabo and her great nephew Istvan; Daisy’s nephew, Zoltan Korona and his two daughters, Sylvie and Judit and their children.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to Bruce Trail Conservancy. A celebration of life will be arranged, with details to be announced.

# Tribute Wall

TA

“ Tony Asrilen lit a candle in memory of Daisy Lazarovits



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**Tony Asrilen** - December 26, 2022 at 05:22 PM

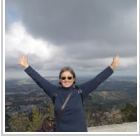
RL

“ 4 files added to the album Daisy, Enjoying Life



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**Rene Laukat** - December 03, 2022 at 01:19 PM



“ *Daisy was my aunt, my mother's younger sister. She lived several miles away, but despite the long distance we were spiritually close to each other. We regularly kept contact.*

*I was very lucky, that twice I could travel to Canada and spend a lot of marvellous time together. It was a great experience! We often met, when she visited Hungary.*

*I've always admired her tremendous energy, willpower and courage. Although I'm 28 years younger, I was unable to keep pace with her, when we were hiking.*

*She was a well-meaning, kind-hearted, open-minded person, who was ready to give useful pieces of advice.*

*The world has been poorer with a remarkable woman, but we should be grateful, that she had such a long life.*

*I will save her memory forever.*

*Erzsébet Korona (niece)*



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**Erzsi Korona** - November 11, 2022 at 01:36 PM

EK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Erzsébet Korona - November 11, 2022 at 06:01 AM

EK

*In front of the Niagara with my aunt, whwn I was 16 years old.*

Erzsébet Korona - November 11, 2022 at 11:04 AM

DD

“ Donna Dankesreiter lit a candle in memory of Daisy Lazarovits



Donna Dankesreiter - November 06, 2022 at 10:48 AM

SR

“ Susan Richardson lit a candle in memory of Daisy Lazarovits



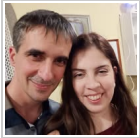
Susan Richardson - November 06, 2022 at 12:58 AM

MZ

“ *Maria Zamfir lit a candle in memory of Daisy Lazarovits*

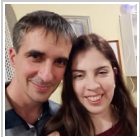


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**Maria Zamfir** - November 05, 2022 at 03:45 PM



“ *Daisy was my grandma's sister and I miss her very much. We had correspondence for over 25 years, we sent letters and later emails to each other. When I was a kid, I had sent her my novels, fairy tales, poems:) I visited her in Canada and we had a wonderful time, and whenever she came to visit Hungary, we met in the Margit Sziget. She had an amazing personality.*

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**Zsófia Szabó** - November 04, 2022 at 03:40 PM



“ *Zsófia Szabó lit a candle in memory of Daisy Lazarovits*



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**Zsófia Szabó** - November 04, 2022 at 03:32 PM

DS

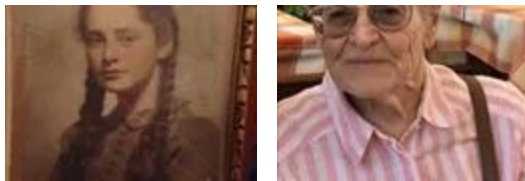
“ Remembering Daisy

*Daisy was the best friend of my Mom. They were born in the same year and went to the same school in Hungary. The war and the difficult political situation after shocked them and they both lost many of their family members. After a longer pause they met again. Despite of the distance Canada – Hungary they kept close contact, especially in their older years. They „met” via skype and shared the details and happenings of their life weekly. They knew everything about each other's family. Daisy came several times to Budapest when they were walking hours long on the Margaret Island, which was the favourite place of Daisy in Budapest. I also took part some of these occasions. I was impressed about their deep friendship and I even gave the second first name “Daisy” to my younger daughter. Unfortunately, my mother died in 2020. After this I corresponded with Daisy and we spoke also several time via phone. She was interested in my family, she used to ask all details about the life of my daughters and grandchildren. Daisy was to me like my “mother substitute”.*

*Dear Daisy you will be always alive in my heart!*

*Dr Agnes Schuler*

*Budapest, Hungary*



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**Dr Schuler** - November 03, 2022 at 08:36 AM

BR

“ *Daisy was our happy and friendly condo neighbour. My wife and I miss her.*

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**Brian Richmond** - November 01, 2022 at 11:01 AM

HL

“ *Daisy was a hiker with the Toronto Bruce Trail Club. She was a cultured lady, an interesting conversationalist, and a true team-member. I will miss her, and thank her loved ones for supporting the Bruce Trail conservancy.*

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**Henry Lowi** - October 31, 2022 at 05:20 PM

RW

“ *1 file added to the album Daisy, Enjoying Life*



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**Roger Whiteman** - October 30, 2022 at 10:49 AM

SV

“ *Dear Marianne, Kati and the whole family, I've heard so many stories that I feel I had known her. What a strong character. Sending our deepest sympathy.*



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**Sigal Vax** - October 29, 2022 at 10:53 AM

ZN

*I met Daisy when I joined the staff at John XXIII Catholic School in 1985. Daisy welcomed me and offered her assistance, "if you needed one", she said. She shared her teaching resources as well as her time discussing our views on classroom management and other educational issues. She invited me to her condo and I invited her to our place. Through the years we became close friends. Our friendship continued through our retirement years, visiting each other in the summer time at each other's summer place. This summer was her last visit at the cottage.*

*She was an excellent swimmer, a healthy cook, an intelligent conversationalist, a voracious reader and a faithful friend.*

*She treated me like her sister and to me, she was the elder sister I never had. Rest In Peace, Daisy!*

*You will forever be in my heart.*

*Zenaida Nicholson*

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**Zenaida Nicholson** - November 10, 2022 at 09:28 PM

JF

“ 3 files added to the album *Daisy, Enjoying Life*



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**Jourdain Finlay** - October 29, 2022 at 09:25 AM

KD

“ *Daisy was indeed an amazing lady. I remember once when we emerged from the lunch break at the hike to find the group had departed and were in the park opposite. So when I suggested we try to catch up Daisy started jogging!! Of course I had to also. We will miss her.*

*Kevin Doyle*

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**Kevin Doyle** - October 28, 2022 at 07:41 PM

RL

“ *rebecca lewis lit a candle in memory of Daisy Lazarovits*



rebecca lewis - October 28, 2022 at 05:39 PM

DP

“ *Marianne and Kati...sending hugs to you both. She sounds like she was quite the woman and on behalf everyone at CPR, we send our heartfelt condolences. Dori*

DOROTHY HUTCHINSON PHD - October 28, 2022 at 05:28 PM



“ *I remember her in the hikes, very friendly always happy .*

Mohammad Aghamiri - October 28, 2022 at 03:23 PM

DH

“ *Dariush Hatami lit a candle in memory of Daisy Lazarovits*



Dariush Hatami - October 28, 2022 at 11:17 AM

ET

“ My condolences to Daisy’s family & friends. I will always remember her 90th birthday when she led our senior hiking group. The wonderful music & celebration at the Brickworks & she continued with the hike after that & even joined us at the pub. She was an amazing lady Rest In Peace Daisy.  
Evelyn Tasker

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**evelyn tasker** - October 28, 2022 at 10:33 AM

KZ

“ Korona Zoltan lit a candle in memory of Daisy Lazarovits



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**Korona Zoltan** - October 27, 2022 at 11:16 PM

PP

“ Daisy was striking to behold. I will always remember her beautiful face, her elegant bearing and her impeccable taste. She did not suffer fools and was direct and uncompromising if she encountered bureaucratic bungling or insincere people who spoke in platitudes. Her questions were probing and revealed her intelligence and commitment to conducting thorough research on any topic that was compelling to her. She could have been a brilliant scientist. She lived life as fully as she could, even as her physical disabilities continued to mount. I imagine that this survivor who charted her own course would not abide becoming a burden.

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**Pauline Pariser** - October 27, 2022 at 07:59 PM

JS

*Jolan Schneider  
Daisy was a very intelligent, lovely lady. My deepest sympathy to the family*

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**Jolan Schneider** - October 30, 2022 at 02:00 PM

SS

*I have many sweet memories of Daisy. There were Bruce Trail bus hikes that we did together. She shared stories and advice while we meandered on the trail that bring a smile to my face even now when I remember. In my mind's eye I can still see her climbing steep hills as if she was a teenager and how I prayed that I would have the same energy if I had the privilege to reach my 80s! She made a difference.. rest in peace dear Daisy.*

*Sylvia Scarsella*

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**Sylvia Scarsella** - October 31, 2022 at 05:57 PM

AH

*Although we didn't hike together the past few years - partly because of our age and partly due to COVID, we -the Hungarian trio - got together from time to time. I shall miss her. My condolences to the family.*

*Agnes Heringer*

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**Agnes Heringer** - November 01, 2022 at 10:00 AM

MZ

*Daisy, Dear Daisy,*

*Deeply, I hope now you are happy and still smiling, where you are now up of the sky, as YOU have been in your life.*

*Thank you for every moment spent near you during the Toronto Senior's Hiking Club trips in Toronto and out of Toronto.*

*Thank you for let me how to cook the sour cherry soup and other many memories.*

*Rest in Peace.*

*Condolences to "the trio ladies and gentlemen hikers".*

*Maria Zamfir, November 4th, 2022*

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**Maria Zamfir** - November 04, 2022 at 07:17 PM

AL

*I met Daisy when I was hiking at the Toronto Bruce Trail , she then introduced me to the senior hiking club. I found her being a very knowledgeable, kind and friendly person, she had varieties of interest in fitness, sports and travel. Since we had similar interest, we chatted and shared our experiences during the hikes.*

*Daisy, you will be much missed.*

*Condolences to the family.*

*Anna Lam*

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**Anna Lam** - November 08, 2022 at 10:26 AM

EK

*Daisy was my aunt, my mother's younger sister. She lived several miles away, but we were spiritually close to each other. I was very lucky, that twice I could travel to Canada and spend a lot of marvellous time with her. We often met when she came to Hungary. I've always admired her tremendous energy, willpower and courage. Although I'm 28 years younger, I was unable to keep pace with her when we were hiking.*

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*Erzsébet Korona, her niece*

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**Erzsébet Korona** - November 11, 2022 at 05:54 AM