



## Mrs. Vera Verzun

June 1, 2016

### Obituary for Mrs. Vera Verzun

Vera Verzun passed away on June 1, 2016 after a long journey with cancer. She will be missed dearly by her son, Luis Sastre-Verzun, her close friends and her large circle of musicians, students and music lovers.

A small informal service will be held at her burial at 10 am on Saturday, June 18 at York Cemetery (160 Beecroft Rd, Toronto M2N 5Z5)

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to make a donation on behalf of Vera Verzun to The Baycrest Palliative Care Unit or The Princess Margaret Breast Clinic.

### Professional Bio

Born in Kiev, Ukraine, Vera Verzun began to study violin at age six. By the time she was thirteen, she was a member of the Kiev Youth Symphony Orchestra. Vera obtained a Bachelor Degree in Performance and Pedagogy from R. Glier State College of Music. In 1979, Vera moved to Havana, Cuba, where she worked as a violinist in the National Symphonic Orchestra under the direction of Manuel Dushesne and Leo Brower and in the National Ballet and Opera Orchestra. During this period, Vera continued study with professor Evelio Tiele. In 1991, Vera Verzun moved to Toronto, Canada and began to

perform with a variety of orchestras and ensembles, including the Celebrity Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of maestro Andrew Rozbicki (concertmaster since 1995), the Brampton Symphony Orchestra (concertmaster), ArsMusica Chamber Orchestra (concertmaster), the Gilbert & Sullivan Company, the Chamber society and the Scarborough Symphony Orchestra. With over 30 years of teaching experience, Vera has prepared students who have been declared winners at the Kiwanis Festival, Peel Music Festival and the Toronto Music Competition. In both 1995 and 1999, Vera Verzun received recognition from the Canadian House of Commons and, in 2010, she received the highest designation of the Polish Government: Award for Polish Culture. (<http://depthome.brooklyn.cuny.edu/latinashistory/veraverzuinguantanamera.html>)

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# Previous Events

## Service

JUN 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

York Cemetery  
160 Beecroft Road  
Toronto, ON (CA)

# Tribute Wall



“ I am absolutely saddened to hear about the passing of Vera so late. She was a wonderful person and an amazing person. I had the pleasure of having her as a teacher for over 5 years and each and every class would be full of joy and sweets. It breaks my heart to hear that such an amazing, sweet and kind soul has been taken from us. May she forever rest in peace.



-Farzan

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Farzan Ansari - October 21, 2016 at 03:57 PM

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“ This is Vera's hometown - something else we shared in common: [https://youtu.be/wqc\\_yF1nmEE](https://youtu.be/wqc_yF1nmEE).

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Anya - June 18, 2016 at 09:55 PM

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Anya - June 18, 2016 at 09:38 PM

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“ Vera sent me this link because she wanted her student to win a competition... I miss her so much... My condolences to all...

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Anya - June 18, 2016 at 09:33 PM

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**Anya** - June 18, 2016 at 09:26 PM



*Beautiful!*

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**Heather Chetwynd** - June 20, 2016 at 07:17 PM

KA

*Austin and Nigel missed her so much...*

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**Karen** - September 28, 2016 at 03:40 PM

HV

“ *Hernan and Viera purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Vera Verzun.*



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**Hernan and Viera** - June 17, 2016 at 02:50 PM



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**Heather Chetwynd** - June 14, 2016 at 08:56 PM



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**Ilanka Pefer** - June 14, 2016 at 06:35 PM



“ *My very dea. Verochka*

*I will always keep you deep inside of me as one of the most extraordinary persons I've met in my life. Your fabulous sens of humor, your knowledge about almost every topic (That's why we called you Wikivera), your sincerity, and the way you loved music are the principal facts that made you a very unique human been. Luisito I did not have yet the courage to send you at least a small message but believe me I still feel extremely sad because your mom is the kind of people no one can forget. I send you my most sincere condoléances and offer you my support at any moment .*

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**Ilanka Pefer** - June 14, 2016 at 06:19 PM



“ *Vera I'm one of your students, I cant believe your gone, you have such a beautiful soul and I know you haven't gone anywhere but straight to heaven. May your soul rest in peace and you memory live on forever. My thoughts are with you and your family. ♡*

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**Kathy Khorramak** - June 14, 2016 at 09:28 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Vera's smile*



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**Olena Treyvus** - June 13, 2016 at 10:47 PM



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**Heather Chetwynd** - June 13, 2016 at 07:56 PM

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**Olena Treyvus** - June 13, 2016 at 05:27 PM

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Olena Treyvus - June 13, 2016 at 05:19 PM

Renata Guitart

“ Thank you, Vera, for your friendship. You will be missed.



Renata Guitart - June 13, 2016 at 05:07 PM

AFTERCARE  
CREMATION & BURIAL SERVICE

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Aftercare Cremation & Burial Service - June 13, 2016 at 02:57 PM

Heather Chetwyn

Luis and Vera, early 90s

Heather Chetwynd - June 14, 2016 at 03:55 PM



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**Heather Chetwynd** - June 13, 2016 at 01:21 PM