



Sonia May Hayward

April 30, 1933 - March 2, 2020

Sonia May Hayward, 86, of Fort Myers, Florida and Mashpee, Massachusetts, died unexpectedly on Monday, March 2, 2020. She was born on April 30, 1933 in Frias, Argentina, the daughter of Charles Ewart and Margaret Anne (Beale) Laight.

Mrs. Hayward graduated from La Universidad de La Plata with a degree as a translator. Soon afterward she moved to London, England, where she was married to C. Michael Hayward. They moved from England to Ottawa, Canada, and then to Massachusetts, where they lived for more than forty years before dividing their time between Massachusetts and Florida. They celebrated 63 years of marriage last March. Mrs. Hayward was a long-time member of the Harvard Garden Club and the P.E.O Chapter in Upper Cape Cod.

Sonia was an avid gardener who could encourage any plant to grow (and even bring some back to life); she enjoyed water aerobics, tennis, bowling, and art; and volunteered at church and in the community. She studied and enjoyed interior decorating and design, and had an incredible sense of style and flair. Her favorite thing to do was watch a full moon rise over the beach on Cape Cod. Most of all Sonia enjoyed spending time with her friends and especially her family, with whom she enjoyed many adventures and travels. She will be deeply and forever missed by her loving husband, children, and granddaughter.

In addition to her husband, Michael, Sonia is survived by her son, Andrew Hayward, and his wife Tristen, of Fort Myers; daughter Anne Cahill and her husband, Gerald, of Groton, MA; granddaughter Hayley Cahill of Groton; and several nieces and nephews in England and Argentina. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Margaret Laight; her brother, Charles "Chap" Laight; and her daughter-in-law Elaine Hayward.

Funeral services for Sonia will be celebrated at 11:00 AM on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at Iona-Hope Episcopal Church, Hope-Iona Episcopal Church, 9650 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers, Florida 33908.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33907, 239-936-0555. Online condolences may be made at: www.fortmyersmemorial.com.

To preview the Video Tribute for Sonia, please follow the following link:

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/8BM52CRS72W9GPQ4>

Cemetery

Events

Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery	MAR 12	Funeral Service	11:00AM
1589 Colonial Boulevard		<hr/>	
Fort Myers, FL, 33907		Iona Hope	
		9650 Gladiolus Dr., Fort Myers, FL, US	

Comments



“ Just learned this very sad news. Such great memories we had of our time together in Harvard, Mass, and visits to the Hayward's on Cape Cod and in Florida. Sonia was a wonderful, charming, and interesting person. Kay will be writing to Michael and Andrew soon.

William Hokanson - March 17, 2020 at 11:06 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Sonia May Hayward.



March 11, 2020 at 10:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sonia May Hayward.



March 11, 2020 at 10:37 PM



“ Sonia was a very special lady and I am so blessed to have known her. RIP my good friend! You will be missed but never forgotten.

Jane Arens - March 11, 2020 at 09:21 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sonia May Hayward.



March 11, 2020 at 08:10 AM



“ John, Gayle and Cheryl O'Bryan purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Sonia May Hayward.



John, Gayle and Cheryl O'Bryan - March 10, 2020 at 04:26 PM



“ 1 file added to the album From Monica



Monica Hoyos - March 10, 2020 at 10:32 AM



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Monica Hoyos - March 10, 2020 at 10:26 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sonia May Hayward.



March 09, 2020 at 10:33 PM



“ The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sonia May Hayward.



The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company - March 09, 2020 at 09:29 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Sonia May Hayward.



March 09, 2020 at 03:12 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Sonia May Hayward.



March 08, 2020 at 08:36 PM



“ Paul & Jeanne Freve purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Sonia May Hayward.



Paul & Jeanne Freve - March 08, 2020 at 12:11 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Sonia May Hayward.



March 07, 2020 at 02:43 PM



“ Fran Dolan purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sonia May Hayward.



Fran Dolan - March 07, 2020 at 08:26 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sonia May Hayward.



March 06, 2020 at 12:02 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Caroline Emery - March 06, 2020 at 10:50 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Sonia May Hayward.



March 06, 2020 at 09:16 AM



“ Love, Susan, Laurie, Deb, Bob, Jim and John purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Sonia May Hayward.



Love, Susan, Laurie, Deb, Bob, Jim and John - March 06, 2020 at 08:47 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sonia May Hayward.



March 06, 2020 at 08:16 AM



“ Para mi Tia y Tio

I consider my life to have been blessed to have you as my family and was able to experience my childhood and teenage years having had the opportunity to experience almost every Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas with you and every summer experiencing your gracious love. To you I give all my prayers and thoughts and the never ending gift of hugs and kisses.

Gracias pie todo tu amor y siempre va a ser en mi corazon

Arturo (El Gringo)

Arthur Ash - March 05, 2020 at 11:33 PM



“ Herly lit a candle in memory of Sonia May Hayward



Herly - March 05, 2020 at 10:44 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sonia May Hayward.



March 05, 2020 at 08:25 PM



“ Your Mother was such a warm, caring and funny person. I always told her she was my favourite Aunty, to which she would reply, "I am your only Aunty!" That point didn't matter, she really was my favourite Aunty. When I was young and Mum sent me to stay with you during summer, Aunty looked after me as if I was her daughter. For all her love and kindness I am eternally grateful.

Claudia Mathews - March 05, 2020 at 05:14 PM