



Sophie in 2005 with the tree she planted as a sapling in Poland.

Sophie Jakowska (1922 - 2005)

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Sophie Jakowska, Professor Emeritus of Biological Sciences, College of Staten Island, City University of New York, died (of an aneurism) at age 83. Dr. Jakowska was also a Professor of Biology at the College of Mount Saint Vincent, visiting Professor at Iona College. She was a research scientist at the New York Aquarium, the National Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Dr. Jakowska received her M.S. and Ph.D. at Fordham University. She was a lifelong resident of the Upper Westside of Manhattan until her retirement to the Dominican Republic.

She resided with her daughter Marie Helene (Penny) Jeannopoulos and her husband Juan Medina, both painters. She is also survived by her son John C. Jeannopoulos, Esq., former Associate General Counsel, Trial Lawyers Care, Inc. (pro bono legal assistance for the victims of 9/11) and Assistant United States Attorney, his wife Susan McCarty, LCSW, Hunter College, CUNY and her son Peter C. Jeannopoulos, MA, a retired New York City Public School teacher, his wife Mirielle Lebrun, (formerly with UNICEF) and living in Florida and her grandchildren Alexander Jeannopoulos and Christopher Jeannopoulos, who both reside in New York City.

Her late husband Constantine L. Jeannopoulos, M.D., who died in 1980, was a Professor of Medicine (Orthopedics) at New York University, the Rusk Institute, Bellevue Hospital, the Helen Hayes Rehabilitation Institute, Haverstraw, New York and the U.S. Public Health Service. They met while students in Rome just prior to the outbreak of World War II. Dr. Jakowska's father Josef, a physician in Warsaw, Poland was killed at the Mydanek Concentration Camp. Her mother survived the war but died just prior to coming to America in the 1950's.

More recently, Dr. Jakowska lectured worldwide and wrote extensively on environmental issues, bioethics and eco-spirituality.