



Irena Dujmovic-Terman

December 12, 1970 - January 21, 2023

Irena Dujmovic-Terman, 52; designer, collector, writer, proprietor; of Chicago's West

Walker neighborhood; passed away peacefully Saturday, January 21, 2023.

Born in Sarajevo (formerly Yugoslavia), Irena graduated from Ivan Goran Kovacic

Elementary School and First Gymnasium High School. Her study of languages at the

University of Sarajevo was interrupted by the Bosnian War. Irena and her then-

boyfriend Ronald Terman (whom she met at age sixteen), left Sarajevo for Zagreb,

Croatia, where they married on September 4, 1994. The couple moved to refugee

communities in Germany and the Netherlands before seeking political asylum in the

United States.

Irena's first jobs in Chicago were at newspaper kiosks and bookstores at O'Hare Airport.

She then worked as a bookseller and in management at various Chicagoland Barnes &

Noble stores, at Merz Apothecary in Lincoln Square, and as a designer-sales associate at Walter E. Smithe Furniture & Design in Skokie.

In 2021, the Termans realized their long-standing dream and opened Proper Bonkers, an antique/vintage art, furniture, and design shop in Old Irving Park.

Irena was a fiercely intellectual, savvy, strong, and creative woman. She loved reading, writing, interior design, music, dancing, entertaining, gardening, sewing, and trolling auctions for unique items.

Beloved wife of 29 years to Ronald (“Roca” or “Role”) Terman, devoted mother of Marlon Vincent Peter Terman.

Cherished daughter of Dubravka Sicanica Dujmovic Gudelj, dear sister of Inga Dujmovic, adoring aunt of Rudi Jovanovic, all of Sarajevo.

Preceded in death by father Vinko Dujmovic and son Louie Anton Leopold Terman.

Faithful trusted companion of Boogie the Chow Chow/Belgian Shepherd mix.

Irena also leaves behind many bereft friends, who gathered to tearfully celebrate her life on February 11 at Tom Robinson Art Studio.

Burial of cremated remains, Saturday, February 18, 12noon, Graceland Cemetery. Due to construction at the main entrance of Please enter the

cemetery at Clark and Hutchinson. Head directly to the chapel for a brief service of remembrance before procession to the gravesite. Friends are encouraged to bring flowers that remind you of Irena to leave atop her grave.

Donations may be made to the family to offset final expenses.

Arrangements entrusted to Inclusive Funeral Care, 773-318-1305 or www.inclusivefuneralcare.com

Previous Events

Guest Arrival

FEB 11. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Tom Robinson Art Studio
2416 West North Avenue
Chicago, IL 60647

Tom Robinson Art Studio is located just west of Western Avenue on North Avenue. Doors open at 5PM. Service of Remembrance at 6PM. BYOB of wine/beer/cups. No hard alcohol or food.

Service of Remembrance

FEB 11. 6:00 PM (CT)

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There will be an open-mic opportunity for brief (90-second) remembrances.

Burial of Cremated Remains

FEB 18. 12:00 PM (CT)

Graceland Cemetery
4001 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60613
<http://www.gracelandcemetery.org>

Please meet at Graceland Cemetery Chapel by 11:50am.

Tribute Wall

MD

“ *Medina I Dara lit a candle in memory of Irena Dujmovic-Terman*



Medina i Dara - June 13, 2023 at 07:57 PM

CE

“ *Dear Irena, you lived many lives during the 52 years with your endless love for your dear boys and family, for art and for the world. Everything you touched turned into beautiful things. We miss you and we can't imagine that you are gone. Your angel will only continue to be with us forever. With love from Marina, Nina and Svjetlana*

Ceca - March 25, 2023 at 06:51 PM

RO

“ Curice moja mala
Ljubavi srca moga
Sva moja dušo
Ti sad idi
A ja ću ostati još malo
I koliko god da želim
Pokušaću da ne žurim
Al doći ću brzo
Da ti se tiho u krevet ušunjam,
Da te poljubim tri puta
U uho tvoje malo
U rame golo
I vrat tvoj nježni
Gdje se moj med skuplja
Samo za mene
I reci ću ti
I love you Bejbe
I ljepo spavaj
I nešto ljepo sanjaj
I mirisaću te duboko
I slušati kako dišeš
I priviti uz sebe jako
Kao da jutro nikad doći neće
Nikad niko nije znao, niti će
Šta smo ti i ja uvijek bili,
I jesmo
I uvijek ćemo biti
I niko osim tebe neće nikada shvatiti
Gdje sam ja sada
I gdje ću uvijek biti
Putuj mirno i ljepo spavaj oko moje
Al' molim te
Ti budi prva koju ću kad dodzem vidjeti
Poljubiti, osjetiti
Beskrajno te volim
I ostaću te željan

Sve dok me ima

Tvoj Role

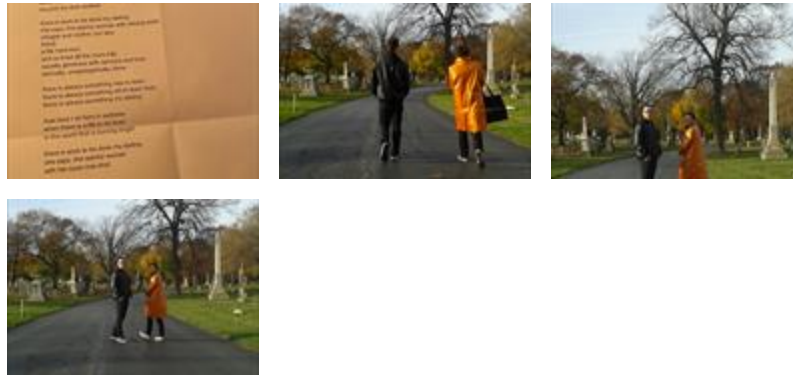
P.S. Modesty i Willie su još uvijek moj screensaver ... i uvijek će biti



Ron - February 21, 2023 at 09:09 PM

RO

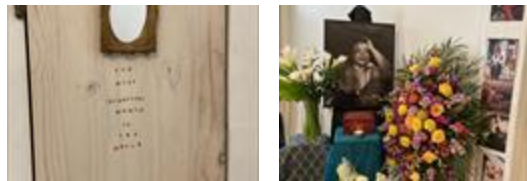
“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Ron - February 15, 2023 at 08:10 PM

RO

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Ron - February 14, 2023 at 10:17 AM

RO

Ljubavi moja...



Ron - February 14, 2023 at 10:18 AM

SE

“ *Dear Roca, it was my privilege to celebrate Irena's life and mourn her passing with you and Marlon last night. What an amazing person and what a remarkable life. I feel so lucky that I have known her.*

My heart aches for your loss ...

Pocivaj u miru Irencice moja

Senka

Senka - February 12, 2023 at 10:24 PM

BO

“ *Plemenita dušo, za nas koji ostajemo nema utjehe.*

Grijala si nas svojom ljudskom toplinom i obasjavala vedrinom svog osmijeha.

Moje srce kućaće za tebe.

Počivaj u miru.

Tvoj Bojke

Bojan - February 11, 2023 at 05:29 PM

MA

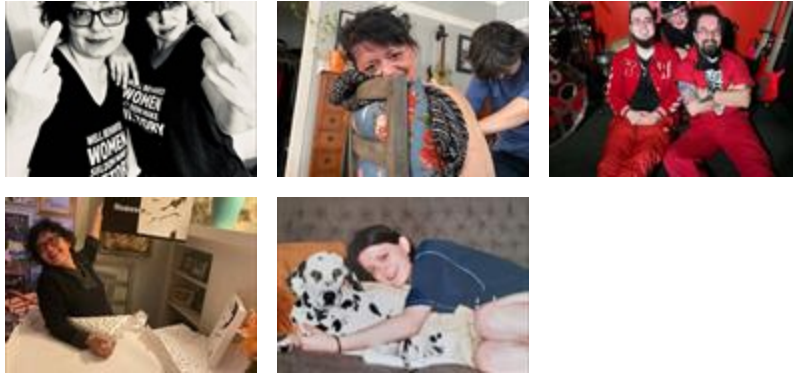
“ *Dear Roca, what a tragedy.... I am so sorry for your loss. I wish you and Marlon a lot of love and strength.*

Marielle

Marielle - February 05, 2023 at 03:57 PM

RT

“ 15 files added to the tribute wall



Ron Terman - February 04, 2023 at 10:33 PM

AM

Love you, Ron and Irena.

angie mead - February 10, 2023 at 08:58 PM

SS

“ *My deepest condolences to Roca and Marlon. I have known Irena and Roca through my brother Borivoje ever since his elementary and high school. Irena was the most beautiful, vivacious woman of elaborate style and great talent. I had a luck to visit them at their home, full of colours and her fiery spirit everywhere. She has been taken away from the world way, way too soon. Her sparkle and delight will be sadly missed.*

Sacha Sofil - February 01, 2023 at 01:42 AM

RT

Fala Saša💔

Ron Terman - February 05, 2023 at 01:40 AM

BP

“ *Branka & Vedran*



Branka Prljeta - January 31, 2023 at 01:17 PM

RT

*Fala Branka 💔.
Ljubi Batka za nas obadvoje
Roca*

Ron Terman - February 05, 2023 at 01:42 AM

RL

“ *I will never forget Irena—her intellect, strength, sense of justice, sense of humor, love of beauty, poetry, art, music, and books, the sing-song quality of her voice, and of course her smile. I'm sending love to Ron and Marlon, her mom and sister, and anyone who knew and loved her.*

Regina Landor - January 30, 2023 at 09:17 PM

MS

“ *Mario & Snjezana lit a candle in memory of Irena Dujmovic-Terman*



Mario & Snjezana - January 28, 2023 at 07:23 AM



“ *Borika Prce lit a candle in memory of Irena Dujmovic-Terman*



Borika Prce - January 27, 2023 at 10:47 AM

RR

“ *Irena was my mentor when I first moved to Chicago 20 years ago. She took me under her wing and helped me become the strong woman I am today. It always blew my mind how she could maintain a sense of humor in difficult times. She was fierce and force to be reckoned with. A powerful woman with with a sharp wit and a gigantic heart. She will always be in my memory and I will tell my young daughter all about her, in hopes that she will learn from her too.*

Rachel Roos - January 27, 2023 at 09:26 AM

MM

“ *Mirjana Marić lit a candle in memory of Irena Dujmovic-Terman*



Mirjana Marić - January 27, 2023 at 08:04 AM

MM

Draga Irena pokoj ti vječni, tvoja kolegica iz Prve gimnazije.

Mirjana Marić - January 27, 2023 at 08:04 AM

DS

“ Beautiful soul. Embodiment of kindness and grace.
Difficult to comprehend she is gone. The legacy she leaves behind
will keep her alive in our memory forever. Rest in peace draga naša
sugrađanko.

Dragana Skokovic-Sunjic - January 26, 2023 at 08:24 PM

MA



Manuela - January 30, 2023 at 07:12 PM

DA

“ Darko lit a candle in memory of Irena
Dujmovic-Terman



Darko - January 26, 2023 at 08:22 PM