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### Englewood mourns passing of Mayor Olga Wolosyn

Tom Munds, Staff Writer 09/27/2007

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Hundreds of friends, family, acquaintances and residents gathered at separate events Sept. 27 and 28 to honor and mourn the loss of Mayor Olga Wolosyn.

Wolosyn, 54, was struck down by an aneurism Sept. 22 while at the city council budget workshop.

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She was rushed to Swedish Medical Center, underwent surgery and was in a coma. The family released a statement through the hospital that recovery was extremely unlikely. Wolosyn passed away about 5 p.m. Sept. 27.

Her passing came just after about 150 people came to honor and pay tribute to Wolosyn and her contributions to the community at the fountain in front of the Englewood Civic Center.

Susan Keene, a friend and fellow advocate of the arts, made comments. She compared Wolosyn to the force driving the center geyser of the fountain and the other geysers to her family, friends, fellow council members and co-workers.

She was one of a kind, Mary Dounay, former school board member, said. She was tireless and seemed to volunteer constantly. She was like the little engine that could because, regardless of the task she volunteered for, she always got it done and done on time.

Her mother and five sisters came from Pennsylvania to be at her side. Her sisters, Wendy and Julie, were at the gathering.

I cant believe all the things she was involved in doing, Julie said. It makes me tired just to think about how she was going full speed all the time. We have been learning our sister is an amazing woman.

The family was called to the hospital just after the conclusion of the gathering and city officials learned Wolosyn had passed away.

A funeral Mass was held Sept. 28 at St. Louis Catholic Church.

About 250 people filled most of the seats in the church. City staff and elected officials from Englewood as well as from a number of other communities attended the Mass. There was a reception at Hampden Hall after the Mass. Her art and costumes she made for school activities were on display.

People came to the microphone to talk about her achievements and what she meant to them.

We love her and we all knew she was a wonderful woman, Bernice Wolosyn, her mother, said. However, we didnt know how many peoples lives she touched and how much they loved her. I am flabbergasted at the outpouring of care, affection and love. It is powerful and it helps us as we mourn the loss of a wonderful daughter and sister.

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The family has asked that, in lieu of flowers or cards or for those wishing to honor her work and achievements, donations be named in memory be made to Englewood Arts.

Wolosyn was one of the founders of Englewood Arts, an organization promoting the arts in the city. Eric Bertoluzzi, a good friend and fellow patron of the arts, said the money to the memorial fund will be set aside to help build an art center in Englewood.

Building an art center in Englewood was Olgas dream since she had been in our city, he said. She worked tirelessly to try to make the dream become a reality. Donations to her memorial will help hasten the day we make that happen.

Donations can be sent to Englewood Arts c/o Englewood Civic Center, 1000 Englewood Parkway, Englewood 80113. Make the checks or money orders out to Englewood Arts and note they are contributions to the Olga Wolosyn fund.

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