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Lidia Shnayder Pavlotsky, 78

PROVIDENCE – Lidia Pavlotsky, of Providence, died Nov. 29. She was born in Odessa, Ukraine, and World War II shaped her youth. Along with her mother, baby brother and thousands of other refugees, she spent time in Central Asia during the Nazi occupation of Odessa.

Her father died in the Battle of Stalingrad. After the war, she proved herself a talented student, excelling in math and science. She loved literature, and had an encyclopedic knowledge of the Russian classics, and a soft spot for Victor Hugo.

After graduating from the Medical Institute in Odessa, she worked as a midwife and later an ob-gyn.

She married Isak Pavlotsky in 1955, settling with him in Bendery in the Moldavian SSR (formerly part of Romania and now independent Moldova). They had two children, Leonid and Anna. In 1979, the family immigrated to the U.S. and settled in Providence, where she served as a medication technician at Summit Medical Center for 18 years.

She enjoyed tutoring her grandchildren in Russian language and mathematics. An outstanding cook, she loved the beach and looked forward to tropical vacations with her daughter. She never tired of promoting the artistic and cultural richness of her native Odessa.

She is survived by her brother Vladimir Shnayder of New York City; her son, Leonid Pavlotsky of Boston; her daughter, Dr. Anna Pavlotsky Bowden of Warwick; and five grandchildren, Edward, Daniel, Ilana, Alexander and Dylan.

Donations may be made to Steere House, 100 Borden St., Providence, RI 02903.