

Consular Corps of Northern Ireland Mourns Death of Duchess of Abercorn

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Belfast, NORTHERN IRELAND: The Consular Corps/Association for Northern Ireland (CA-NI) has expressed its sincerest condolences on the death of its President and esteemed colleague Alexandra Hamilton, known as Sacha, Duchess of Abercorn & Honorary Consul for the Russian Federation to Northern Ireland.



The Duchess of Abercorn was 72 and died following an illness.

Sacha was born in Arizona in the USA, and lived at Baronscourt near Newtownstewart. A private funeral service will take place at Baronscourt Parish Church next week with a public memorial service to take place in the Spring.

The Duchess came to live in Ireland when she married James Hamilton, then MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone, in 1966. Her first child, James, Marquess of Hamilton, was born in 1969; her daughter, Lady Sophie, in 1973; and her younger son, Lord Nicholas Hamilton, in 1979. She also has six grandchildren. Her husband succeeded his father as Duke of Abercorn in 1979.

The late Duchess is descended, through her maternal line, from the Romanovs

and from Natalya, the youngest daughter of Russian Alexander Pushkin.

Dr Christopher Stange – CA-NI’s Secretariat said: “We are deeply saddened by the loss of Sacha. She was a very warm-hearted spirited individual who gave so much back to society through the arts and charity. She will be remembered with much affection. I would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest heartfelt sympathies to James and the family at this most difficult time.”

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