



Marianne Metz

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Marianne Margaret Metz passed away peacefully and surrounded by family on December 29, 2024. A devoted wife and beloved mother and grandmother, she was a friend to all who met her. Marianne had a very special gift to make one feel as though they were the most important person in a room or conversation. Her beautiful green eyes, warm smile and small gestures always put one at ease. Heaven is now blessed with an amazing sunshine in the soul and spirit of Marianne Metz.

Born in Los Angeles, California on August 7, 1942, Marianne spent her early years in San Gabriel, California before relocating to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It was in Philadelphia where Marianne began her modeling career, ballet and college studies. She attended Ryder College as a Liberal Arts major and met the love of her life, Thomas Metz, at a freshman dance. They were married shortly after and raised four beautiful children together.

While raising her children, Marianne started a flower shop from the basement of the house in Rockville, Maryland called The Saturday Bouquet. What began as a hobby and love of flowers turned into a thriving business. In the early 1990s, after relocating to Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, Marianne was known as the Crabtree and Evelyn specialist. Given her knowledge of flowers and her friendly and warm personality, she built one of the highest grossing retail stores on the east coast of the United States.

Marianne's love of Christianity and her deep faith in God led her to All Saints Episcopal Church where she was an active member both ushering weekly and serving on the vestry. She spent time in various bible study groups, as well as the Lewes and Rehoboth Areas of Churches Foundation (LRAC). This led to an involvement with the Community Resource Center in Rehoboth. Spending hours weekly in her garden growing vegetables, she would then drive and personally drop the fruits of her labor at the houses of those most in need in the community.

Marianne became a Master Gardener in her later years and won many awards. If you had a question about a plant or flower, she was the person to ask. Her seeds of kindness shined through



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her gardening and floral displays.

Marianne's greatest joy was her family. She was a loving wife and nurturing mother and grandmother. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Edna Ramseyer and her beloved husband, Thomas Karl Metz. Marianne's legacy lives on through her four children and seven grandchildren Elizabeth M. Griggs (Bert) of San Diego, California, Christopher T. Metz (Kerry) of Delray Beach, Florida, Andrew D. Metz (Julie) of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, and Jessica L. Barrett of Jupiter, Florida. Cherished grandchildren are Peter Griggs, Matthew Metz, Thomas Metz, Isabella Metz, Samuel Metz, Amanda Boessman and Alex Boessman. She is survived by her brother Douglas Ramseyer (Karen) of Flower Mound, Texas.

Dearly missed and forever remembered, her faith, family and community service will never be forgotten.

The family will gather privately for a Celebration of Life at St. George's Chapel in Harbeson, Delaware.

The Metz Family kindly requests in lieu of flowers, donations be made to The Parish of All Saints and St. George's Chapel, 18 Olive Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971.

Services will be private.

Please sign Marianne's virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED TO OUR LEWES LOCATION BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, BY 3:00 PM.



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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Metz family.

January 16 at 11:10 AM



Ted And Megan Januszka sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Metz family.

January 16 at 7:16 AM



Kirsten Lopez posted:

I met Marianne in her later life and was touched by her nurturing spirit. She had grace and poise and a beautiful smile in addition to her generous nature. She will be missed by all who knew her and especially her family. 🙏

January 13 at 4:27 AM



Ann Young Ameigh posted:

Marianne was a special friend to all and a strong role model for each of us. She gave of herself and gave again and again. To the Cape Henlopen Food Basket and The Community Resource Center, she was a volunteer who quietly made a huge difference. Whether through her quiet giving or her encouragement, she made us stronger. She has left deep footprints in the sands of our hearts and we are better because of her presence and her love.

January 11 at 4:44 AM



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Lynne Lucas posted:

Sending our sincere condolences on the loss of your beloved mother, Marianne Metz. We remember Mrs. Metz as a dear friend of our mother's on Old Club Road in Rockville for many many years as they raised their children together in the 70s and 80s. We remember her as a kind and joyful neighbor and friend to so many, a "Bridge Group" member with wonderful women who loved and supported each other for decades. We can picture her visiting over tea at our kitchen table and we can hear their laughter and chatter as they shared life's ups and downs together. Mrs. Metz was creative and had an eye for beauty and design. Her love of nature and gardening (we remember her making colorful corsages and boutonnieres for homecomings and proms) inspired us. She was a beautiful woman in so many ways who made our world a more beautiful place. Rest in Peace, Mrs. Metz. Our hearts are with your family. With love, Andrew, Mark, Donna, Lynne and Paul Sangimino

January 8 at 7:30 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Marianne by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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