



Maire K. Antilla

June 14, 1946 - March 8, 2019

Maire K. Antilla (Kilpijarvi) of Sterling Heights, passed away on March 8, 2019 at the age of 72. Maire was born June 14, 1946 in Kuusamo, Finland, the eldest child of Tauno and Irja (Sakkinen) Kilpijarvi. Maire grew up in Kuusamo, a town just 50 mile south of the Arctic Circle and 50 miles west of the Russian border. Upon completion of her secondary education she went on to earn her graduation cap and later a degree in business. She began writing to David Antilla as a pen pal and over several years of correspondence they fell in love. David proposed to Maire on her 18th birthday in 1964. David traveled to Kuusamo in 1965 where they were married on July 4th. Maire and David returned to the US where they settled in Detroit and began to raise their family. Maire is survived by her loving husband David of nearly 54 years, her children John (Janet), Eric (Catherine), Christine, and Michael, her seven grandchildren, Chelsea, Brianna (Dan), Nathaniel, Austin, Rose, Jesse and Noah, and her brothers Vesa (Maija-Liisa), Aimo (Sisko), Kari, Jarmo (Anna-Liisa) and sister Silva (Ahti) Sipola, many wonderful nieces and nephews and lifelong friend Rina Solomon. Maire was preceded in death by her parents Tauno and Irja, sister, and brothers Matti, Jorma, Veikko and Hannu. Maire loved and was loved by her family and friends fiercely and will be dearly missed. Maire's family will receive friends on Friday, March 15, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. with a funeral service at 7:00pm at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks East of Van Dyke), Utica. Interment will be on Saturday, March 16, at 11:00 a.m. at Christian Memorial Cultural

Center, Rochester Hills. Please share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com <<http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>>.

Cemetery Details

Christian Memorial Cemetery

521 E. Hamlin Road
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 15. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 15. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Committal Service

MAR 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christian Memorial Gardens West
521 E. Hamlin Road
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Tribute Wall

MB

“ *Marian Brooks asked to convey her sympathies to everyone. She is so sad she is unable to make it to be with family, especially Uncle David. But she is comforted by the knowledge that she will see Maire soon and celebrate life in eternity. She loves you all very much and is grieving this loss of beautiful Maire, her sister!* ”

Marian Brooks - March 15, 2019 at 06:25 AM

RA

“ *My fondest memories were the summer weeks i would spend in the Antilla home. I got to witness the sweet devotion Auntie Maire had to her family and Uncle David. She would bring him coffee in bed everyday and i would hear them talking and laughing! To this day i bring Andy coffee in bed because I'm convinced that its a key componant to a happy marraige! Love and miss your thoughtful words and beautiful smile Auntie Maire! You will be so missed here on Earth but we will see you soon!* ”

Ruth Ashcroft - March 15, 2019 at 06:21 AM

DT

“ *David and Kyuyi Tate purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Maire K. Antilla.* ”



David and Kyuyi Tate - March 14, 2019 at 08:56 AM

JR

“ *David so sorry for your loss* ”

John Rastall - March 13, 2019 at 01:58 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maire K. Antilla.*



March 13, 2019 at 12:59 PM



“ *dear Dave I am so sorry for your family,s loss praying for you and your family
Danny Kissel from ACCO*

Danny kissel - March 13, 2019 at 12:09 PM



“ *Heikki & Family, Lauri & Family, Pirjo & Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Maire K. Antilla.*



Heikki & Family, Lauri & Family, Pirjo & Family - March 13, 2019 at 10:02 AM



“ *Vesa, Aimo, Silva, Kari, Jarmo and families purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Maire K. Antilla.*



Vesa, Aimo, Silva, Kari, Jarmo and families - March 13, 2019 at 03:34 AM

JD

“ *Judy Ducharme lit a candle in memory of Maire K. Antilla*



Judy Ducharme - March 12, 2019 at 11:28 PM

MG

“ *Maggie Gladue lit a candle in memory of Maire K. Antilla*



maggie gladue - March 12, 2019 at 09:50 PM

CW

“ *Christine Walker lit a candle in memory of Maire K. Antilla*



Christine Walker - March 12, 2019 at 06:24 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maire K. Antilla.*



March 12, 2019 at 05:47 PM

SR

“ *Sheila Ruby lit a candle in memory of Maire K. Antilla*



sheila ruby - March 12, 2019 at 02:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Maire K. Antilla.*



March 12, 2019 at 11:38 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Maire K. Antilla.*



March 12, 2019 at 09:21 AM

JA

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Jarmo - March 11, 2019 at 11:45 PM

JA

“ *Jarmo lit a candle in memory of Maire K. Antilla*



Jarmo - March 11, 2019 at 11:38 PM