



Maria Marta Bastian

July 15, 1931 - July 19, 2025

In Loving Memory of Maria Marta Bastian July 15, 1931 – July 19, 2025

Maria Marta Bastian, lovingly known as Marta, entered eternal rest on July 19, 2025, at the age of 94, surrounded by the love and prayers of those who remained faithfully by her side.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, on July 15, 1931, Marta was the daughter of Peter H. and Mary Prenting (née Seidel). She spent her formative years in Poughkeepsie, NY, where her family ran The Valetor's Deluxe Dry Cleaners. It was in Poughkeepsie where she met the love of her life, Bernhard Bastian, at The Little Brauhaus—a local restaurant owned by his parents, Hermann and Ida (née Stumpf) Bastian.

Marta and Bernhard were married in 1953 at Holy Trinity Church in Poughkeepsie. Their life together, rooted in faith and devotion, took them through Troy, NY, and East Orange, NJ, before settling in Michigan. There, they raised eleven children and were eventually blessed with 31 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren—who affectionately called her "Oma."

A devoted parishioner of the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, Marta lived her Catholic faith with quiet strength and grace. Her creativity was evident in the many forms of art she enjoyed—especially her well-loved

pottery. She also found joy in painting, crafting, and gardening, particularly when sharing those moments with her grandchildren, who will always remember their time with Oma as filled with love, creativity, and gentle guidance.

In retirement, Marta and Bernhard loved to "bummele"—to wander without hurry—as they traveled throughout the United States and Germany, visiting friends, family, and familiar places.

Marta is preceded in death by her brother, Theodore O. Prenting, who passed away earlier this year, and by her beloved husband, Bernhard. She is survived by all eleven of her children, William (Gina), Ernst (Melissa), Joseph (Julie) , Karl (Maria), Marta (Joe), Erika, Kristine (Michael), Karen (Andrew), Bernhard (Bonnie), Paul (Jen), and Michael (Barb)—as well as her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and many extended family members.

Viewing will be held on Thursday, July 24, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at William Sullivan & Son Funeral Home in Royal Oak, with a service to follow.

Marta's life was marked by quiet strength, deep faith, and enduring love. May she rest in the peace of Christ, and may perpetual light shine upon her.

Please share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 24. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Funeral Service

JUL 24. 7:00 PM (ET)

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705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Burial

JUL 25. 3:00 PM (ET)

Roseland Park Cemetery
29001 Woodward Avenue
Berkley, MI 48072

Guestbook

Jl

“ *Jiyan purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Maria Marta Bastian.* ”



Jiyan - July 24, 2025 at 11:50 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria Marta Bastian.* ”



July 23, 2025 at 01:22 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Maria Marta Bastian.* ”

July 23, 2025 at 01:22 PM

TR

“ *Tom & Cindy Richardson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Maria Marta Bastian.* ”



Tom & Cindy Richardson - July 23, 2025 at 10:01 AM

DM

“ Drayke and Mary, Leo, Maria. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Maria Marta Bastian.



Drayke and Mary, Leo, Maria. - July 22, 2025 at 10:17 PM

DM

“ Drayke and Mary, Leo, Maria. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Marta Bastian.

Drayke and Mary, Leo, Maria. - July 22, 2025 at 10:17 PM

LW

“ Lee Ann Williams purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Maria Marta Bastian.



Lee Ann Williams - July 22, 2025 at 08:28 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Maria Marta Bastian.



July 22, 2025 at 09:17 AM

LF

“ Riki, Butch, Karen, Mike, Kristine, Marta, Bill,
Joe, Ernie and Paul,

*My condolences, God Speed Tante Mat,
Eternal rest grant unto your soul and May
perpetual light shine upon you.*



Louisa and family - July 21, 2025 at 07:53 PM

RE

*We are sad that you are gone, but all the wonderful memories remain.
Rest in peace!
Resi & Alois*

Resi +Alois Eisele - July 22, 2025 at 09:41 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Maria Marta Bastian.

July 21, 2025 at 06:16 PM

KG

“ 1 file added to the guestbook



Katrina Givans-granddaughter - July 21, 2025 at 04:59 PM

KG

Oma, Rest in Heaven! We love you always!

Katrina Givans-granddaughter - July 21, 2025 at 05:03 PM

LS

Mrs. B, so sorry that you are not longer with us, but you will always be in my heart. So many childhood memories that I treasured, involve you and Marta. I always admired the joy, love, spirituality, and creativity you shared with all. Thank you for bringing my lifelong friend into this world, I will keep an eye on her. Rest peacefully in heaven Mrs. B, you are loved ❤️🙏🌸

Linda Serapiglia - July 21, 2025 at 06:40 PM



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