



## Maria T. deAlbuquerque

May 3, 1923 - April 19, 2015

deAlbuquerque, Maria "May". Age 91. April 19, 2015.

Beloved sister of Jacinta (Greg) Grooms, the late Dr. Rudolph, Dolly, Cyril, Sr. Xaivera, Teddy, William and Anthony. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Dr. Santana and Liberata. Maria received her Master's Degree and was employed as a math teacher in India. In 1960 she moved to Tanzania, East Africa, where she taught math and was also head of the Math Department. In 1970 she migrated to the USA and was a land analyst for Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. of Detroit for more than 27 years. During her free time she volunteered to tutor inner city students in math. Visitation Friday 2-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. scripture service at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blocks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. Funeral Saturday, in-state 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass, 10 a.m. at the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, Royal Oak. Interment will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit. Memorial contributions for the masses or the charity of the donor's choice are appreciated. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

17100 VanDyke  
Detroit, MI 48234

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 24. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
royal@sullivanfh.com  
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## Scripture Service

APR 24. 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Mass

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APR **25**. 10:00 AM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica  
2100 W. 12 Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48073

# Tribute Wall



“ Although I didn't know May well, I remember her fondly from visits to my nephew, Greg, and Jacinta and at family events. My husband, Vern, and I send our condolences to all the family with our love and prayers. Marjorie "Marj" (Grooms) Porter, Robert "Bob" Grooms' sister.

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**Marjorie Grooms Porter** - April 27, 2015 at 05:51 PM



“ Kathryn Meyer-Jones lit a candle in memory of Maria T. deAlbuquerque



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**Kathryn Meyer-Jones** - April 25, 2015 at 06:57 AM



“ What a blessing it has been to of been apart of Maria's life as one of her Caregivers these last 14 months. I enjoyed our time together. She always had so much love in her eyes and her love for the Lord taught me so much. I will forever miss you my sweet lady. Rest in Heaven.

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**Kathryn Meyer-Jones** - April 25, 2015 at 06:55 AM

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“ I was one of the fortunate many that not only worked with Maria for several years, but also had the privilege of calling her my friend. We were a part of a wonderful extended family called the Land Department which left us with countless treasured memories. Maria was one of the kindest, sweetest, generous people you could ever meet. We shared many laughs, many, many desserts, bags of candy and potato chips, and gallons and gallons of ice cream. She was as sweet and her sweet tooth! She touched so many lives in so many ways. How could anyone not love Maria?

We had the pleasure of meeting a lot of you when Dolly passed away. We were so touched by you all. What a wonderful family. We felt like we knew so many of you because Maria talked about you so much. She loved you all very much. I hope that you can take comfort in knowing that you took such good care of her and in knowing that she can now be reunited with Tony and Rudy & Dolly, who she missed so very much.

Kathy Starr

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**Kathy Starr** - April 24, 2015 at 11:37 PM

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“ I am a friend of Marie's sister Jacinta Grooms. I always enjoyed spending time with Marie at family gathering, at Jacinta's house, catching up with the latest happenings and sharing about family and friends. Phillis Freymuth

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**Phillis Freymuth** - April 24, 2015 at 03:09 PM

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“ I worked with Maria DeAlbuquerque at Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. for many years. She was a dedicated worker, friendly, and always pleasant. Although it has been many years since we have talked, I remember her warmly and pray that she is resting in peace. To the family: "A Journey Remembered... As some people journey through life, they leave footprints wherever they go- footprints of kindness and love, courage and compassion, humor and inspiration, joy and faith. Even when they are gone, we can stil look back and clearly see the trail they left behind, a trail bright with hope that invites us to follow." God Bless! Gail I. Parks Alexander

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**Gail I. Parks** - April 24, 2015 at 10:41 AM