



Marlies K. Vance

January 20, 1941 - December 11, 2020

Marlies K. Vance, 79, walked gracefully and peacefully to her heavenly home on Friday, December 11, 2020 in Libertyville, IL. She was in the loving company of her son Ezra and her two daughters-in-law, Kristen and Cheryl. Marlies was born on January 20, 1941 in Budingen, Germany. It was there she came to know and marry John E. Vance in 1957. She left her childhood home of Germany to start a family and to become a committed and loving wife, mother and cherished friend. She dedicated her entire life to loving, raising, and supporting her children and her husband as he served an honorable career in the US Army. She first moved to United States in 1958 and would return to Germany twice more in her life, accompanying John in his military assignments. She embraced her life as a military wife and was an amazing homemaker, who single-handedly raised six children. She was the glue and the rock. She taught herself English, she taught herself to cook, and she learned how to adapt and survive in the tough role of an Army wife. She worked tirelessly, preparing the home and the family for move after move. And while each move was challenging and daunting, she led her children in learning new places, making new friends and learning to adapt to new experiences, with moves almost every 2 years. She successfully launched all six of her children and upon their retirement from military service, Marlies and John settled in Colorado Springs, CO. Through the years, our mom cherished her dogs and continued to expand her culinary mastery of southern cooking, select Korean, Italian, Mexican and traditional American dishes. We were

always spoiled by her cooking. Marlies will be remembered as a phenomenal cook, especially for her German meals, and she was a shrewd Pinochle player who enjoyed many late nights playing cards with her friends. She was very proud of earning her American citizenship.

In 2015, Marlies was diagnosed with early onset dementia and Alzheimer's. She fought a courageous battle against this disease, and despite its unrelenting grip on her, she never gave in and her fighting and courageous spirit shone through. In 2017, she moved from Colorado Springs to Libertyville, IL to be closer to son Ezra and his family. She was blessed to find an amazing home, with great friends and world-class caregivers, at Spring Meadows of Libertyville. In her years there, she flourished and touched the lives of many residents and staff members alike. She loved her new life close to her son, Ezra, but she missed her other 5 children terribly and cherished their visits.

Surviving Marlies are her 6 children: John (wife Valerie) Vance, Jr., David Vance, Sieglinde Cortez, Ezra (wife Kristen) Vance, Tanya Vance, Brenda Castillo; devoted daughter-in-law Cheryl Vance; and her younger sister Linde Perschbacher. Marlies has 11 grandchildren (Erica, Steven, Hector, Anthony, Javier, Bionka, Alexandra, Isaiah, Grant, Junior and Christian) and several great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Vance, Sr. in 2005 and by 4 siblings, Heinz, Wilheimine, Hanswillam and Wolfgang Krebs.

Mom lived her life fully and enjoyed laughing and joking and spending time with her children, family and friends. She was a kind and strong spirit to her children and grandchildren. Mom and Oma, we love you and we will miss you each of our remaining days. You are forever in our hearts.

A memorial ceremony will be held at 3:00 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 3825 Airport Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80910. Due to the current health guidelines, a maximum of 25 people will be allowed into the Chapel for the memorial ceremony. Marlies will be laid to rest in the Garden of Tranquility (Post C13-3)

and for those that wish to come, there are no restrictions on the number of attendees for this part of the service that takes place outdoors. Masks and social distancing guidelines are required. To send flowers or a memorial gift, please visit our sympathy store directly on the funeral home website.

Arrangements by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville, IL, (847) 362-3009. The family welcomes you to share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Ceremony

DEC **22**. 3:00 PM (MT)

Memorial Gardens Funeral Home
3825 Airport Road
Colorado Springs, CO 80910

Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marlies K. Vance.*



December 21, 2020 at 05:48 PM



“ *Mom came to live with me once and during our time my fog Angel had puppies (4) of them .I had them securely in my spare room upstairs with a gate in front of stairs so they the puppies could not fall down .Mom slepted on the lower level and one night (this one I got the picture) I awoke because I heard moment coming from the distant .Mom totally walked up the stairs with her oxygen and went to play with the puppies , she would escape to go be with them daily .As I walked in on her this night , she looked up at me and said " well you were sleeping and they were crying" ...I just sat down and said "okay but from now on just tell for me to get up " she said " no I will not " ...and that was Mom.*



Tanya - December 20, 2020 at 08:55 PM

TA

“ Whenever Grant was visiting we always had to take Mom aka Oma to dinner and she would always pick Red Robin ..when these two were together it was as if I wasn't there .I loved watching how gentle and loving he was with her .He loved to ask her questions and get her going on politics .We would usually end with a game of cards (she usually won) This was one of my favorite pictures of them , he used to always walk with her hand in hand .



Tanya - December 20, 2020 at 08:47 PM

GD

“ My deepest condolences to the family. I know your Mom cherished each and every one of you. I have not seen Marlies for many years, but the time I knew her she was like a Mom to me- I often remembered all the great advice and encouragement she gave me in the long ‘chats’ we had about life and relationships. A wonderful soul has been gained in Heaven. I truly adored her. Stay safe and strong. God Bless

Glen DesBouillons

Glen DesBouillons - December 19, 2020 at 02:50 PM

BC

Thank you for sharing Glen! :)

Brenda Castillo-Vance - December 20, 2020 at 12:44 AM

TA

Beautiful

Tanya - December 20, 2020 at 08:36 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marlies K. Vance.* ”



December 18, 2020 at 03:32 PM

KV

“ Dearest Ezra and siblings -- I'm so very sorry for the grief you're experiencing with your mom's death. I know she was the glue that held your family together through thick and thin for all these many years. I know she always did the very best she could to be the mother you needed. I'm glad our poodles were able to bring her some comfort these past few years in Illinois (loved the picture Ezra), even when she didn't recognize our faces anymore. She always loved her dog companions and I remember Stubby, Crackers, and Buttons especially well! It cracked me up how she let them drink coffee out of her cup! She also loved Christmas and I remember her Christmas eve dinner so well (the German sandwiches). She was an amazing cook and some of my favorite recipes are hers (green bean casserole, potato salad, cucumber salad, kidney bean salad). She loved having her kids around her and was never truly content when one of you was absent. Ezra cared for your mom very tenderly, patiently and devotedly these past three years. It was heart-breaking to see him unable to visit in person from mid-March due to the coronavirus, though he did his best through frequent window chats. During the last week of your mom's life, when she was in hospice care, Ezra was finally allowed to be with her in person. He was a strong, brave, selfless, compassionate companion to your mom through the dying process. He made the best possible decisions for her comfort, and I was so proud of how strong and "present" he was for your mom during her final journey. Oma, I hope that you are in peace now, able to watch over all your children and grandchildren. I hope you know that they are missing you dearly.

Kristen Vance - December 18, 2020 at 09:55 AM

TA

Thank you ❤️

Tanya - December 20, 2020 at 08:40 PM

BC

Thank you for sharing! :)

Brenda Castillo-Vance - December 21, 2020 at 02:17 AM



“ *Hello my dears . I send you my sincere condolences. I have many fond memories of Aunt Marlies ... especially her laugh ... she was a lovely person and I will always carry her in my heart ... I miss you all. In my thoughts with you, your cousin Silvia.*

Silvia Kromm - December 16, 2020 at 07:34 PM

EV

Cousin Silvia, so nice to hear from you. Thank you for your kind words and remembering our mother. We miss our German family and all of us wish we could have interacted more in our younger days. We are blessed to have all of you. Thank you so much for remembering and reaching out. Kindest regards, Ezra

Ezra Vance - December 17, 2020 at 10:14 AM



Thank you for your kind words Ezra, I am also looking forward to hearing from you I fondly remember our childhood together that we spent together. I miss you too ... you are all always in my heart. Many greetings, Silvia

Silvia Kromm - December 17, 2020 at 11:23 AM

JV

MY BEST FRIEND
MARLIES K VANCE.

I HAVE SO MANY FUNNY AND DEEP MEMORIES SHE ALWAYS MADE ME FEEL IMPORTANT. SHE ALWAYS HAD CONTROL WHEN SHE COULD CATCH ME. I AM THE OLDEST SON OF MARLIES, I BELIEVE I WAS THE MOST HELL MY MOM EVER RAISED. LET ME TELL YOU HOW SHE WOULD BEAT MY BUTT BADED. (ONE FRIDAY NIGHT AFTER A HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAME AT ABOUT 1:30 IN THE MORNING, I SNUCK INTO MY BEDROOM AND HURRIED TO UNDRESS AND GIT THE LIGHTS OFF BUT WAIT A MINUTE THERE IS A NOTE ON MY BED. IT READ SOMETHING LIKE THIS JOHNNY MOM IS DISAPPOINTED AND MAD AT YOU. I HAVE SPENT 16 YEARS RAISING YOU THRU ALL KINDS OF SHIT, I PUT CLOTHES ON YOUR BACK FOOD IN YOUR STOMACH AND LOVE AND TENDERNESS INSIDE OF YOU AND FOR ALL THAT MY SON NO CHARGE. TONIGHT I COULD HAVE WENT TO YOUR GAME I WOULD HAVE TO PAY 3:50 TO HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTERS. I GET TO SEE YOU IF YOU COME HOME AFTER SCHOOL. FOR ALL THAT THERE IS NO CHARE SO YOUR MOMMA JUST MISSES YOU. I COULD FEEL THE NOTE KIND OF DAMP AND SOFT.

FOR THE NEXT THREE WEEKS I STAYED HOME ANY TIME I WAS FREE!!! LESSON LEARNED.

I LEARNED MANY THINGS FROM MOM COOK, PLAYCARDS MAKE A BED WASH CLOTHES CHANGE A DIAPER. I ALSO LEARNED MY MANNERS FRIENDLINESS POSITIVE EMOTIONS. IN SUMMERY MY BEST FRIEND BUT I THINK THE STRONGEST THING FROM THAT SMALL BEAUTIFUL WOMAN WAS SILENCE IS A GOLDEN POWER.

JOHN VANCE - December 18, 2020 at 02:45 PM

CV

Thank you John - very sweet memories.

Cheryl Vance - December 19, 2020 at 04:29 PM

BC

Awe thank you Johnny!! Momma loves her boy!!! ❤️❤️❤️

Brenda Castillo-Vance - December 20, 2020 at 09:45 PM

BC

“ At the start of this video, I was rubbing it in that I beat her at rummy! Smoked her actually! Mom was so mad. Then the rest of the video is just a bunch of other things! She was so good at cards, I never would beat her. Mom I hope you are playing cards!



Brenda Castillo-Vance - December 16, 2020 at 09:10 AM

BC

“ This was one of my favorite times! We would just lay on the bed and laugh and laugh! I was always telling her I loved her.... ❤️❤️❤️
Mom, I love you more!!



Brenda Castillo-Vance - December 16, 2020 at 09:05 AM

BC

“ I brought mom some German books and she read them to me! I actually understood what she was reading. Mom was so smart! She helped me with my homework, history was her favorite! Mom I just have a little schooling left. I hope you help me! :)



Brenda Castillo-Vance - December 16, 2020 at 09:00 AM

RA

“ One of the best parts of my Academy years was being at her home. Always a pot of perfectly made coffee on, Oma asking me questions about airplanes (she was SO curious,) schnitzel, rolaten, home fried potatos, and German style salad... and brochens all year long but especially at Christmas! All made with lots of love. And God help if we went to a restaurant and she didn't like the food, "That \$#+\$s nasty!"

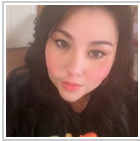
My sweet second mom/Factor's Oma, you'll be immeasurably missed, and always loved!!!

Rafael - December 14, 2020 at 11:35 PM

BC

RV,
I am just like that, I will send something back in a minute!! All of you son-in-laws were loved a ton by her! Thank you for sharing your memories!

Brenda Castillo-Vance - December 15, 2020 at 04:42 PM



“ Brenda, your mom was a wonderful woman with a huge heart! I remember when we went to visit her and she kept trying to give me everything I said was pretty! 😍 Kind and wonderful soul!! ❤️ ❤️



Erica Figueroa Molina - December 14, 2020 at 12:37 PM

BC

That's so funny because Tanya and I both do that... Thank you for sharing the memory! :)

Brenda Castillo-Vance - December 14, 2020 at 12:42 PM

HC

Peace be with you dear old friend. My your journey be the happiest, peaceful, and drama free. Lol. I can hear you laughing Marlies. Thanks for the pork-chops and our special moments when I married your beautiful daughter. Gods speed old friend, farewell. Nothing but love for you. Hector Cortez

Hector Cortez - December 14, 2020 at 02:31 PM

TV

Thanks for sharing

Tanya Vance - December 14, 2020 at 02:34 PM

EV

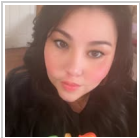
Hector, it has ben way too long my friend. Thank you for honoring our mom and for sharing this time with us. Hope you are well my friend. Ezra

Ezra Vance - December 14, 2020 at 05:16 PM

BC

*Hector,
Thank you so much for sharing with us, lots of great memories for sure!
I hope you are doing well!*

Brenda Castillo-Vance - December 15, 2020 at 04:43 PM



“ *Brenda, your mom was a wonderful woman with a huge heart! I remember when we went to visit her and she kept trying to give me everything I said was pretty! 😊 Kind and wonderful soul!! 💔💔*

Erica Figueroa Molina - December 14, 2020 at 12:36 PM

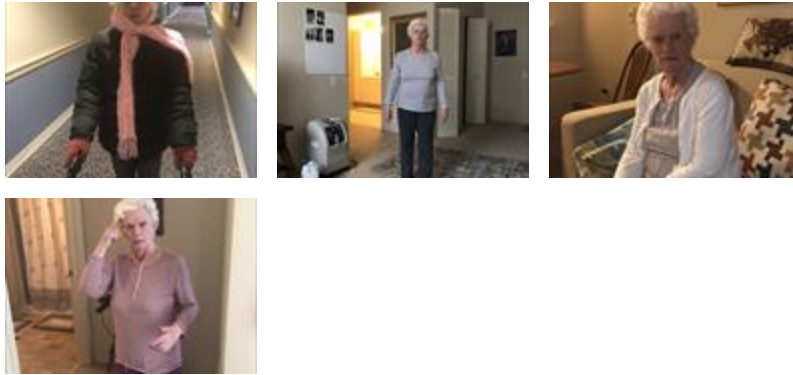
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Brenda Castillo-Vance - December 14, 2020 at 12:45 PM

EV

“ Mom was always very active and on the go. She rarely sat still and always wanted to be doing something. A couple of photos of mom being mom.



ezra vance - December 14, 2020 at 12:34 PM

B(

“ I first made this when she had dementia, trying to wrap my mind around her not remembering, then I reposted it after she passed away because this is how I feel now!! ;(I love you mom you surely are missed.



Brenda Castillo (vance) - December 14, 2020 at 12:04 PM

JV

you don't say goodbye you will only be alone a short while then you will be holding hands again

john vance - December 16, 2020 at 12:27 AM

BC

Awe Thank you!!! I just miss her so much!!

Brenda Castillo-Vance - December 16, 2020 at 09:18 AM

LB

“ *She raised Amazing, Caring and Loving Children!!!*

Linda Lucille Bolling - December 14, 2020 at 11:59 AM

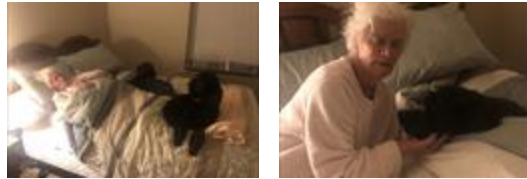
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Thank you Linda !)

Brenda Castillo (vance) - December 14, 2020 at 12:09 PM

EV

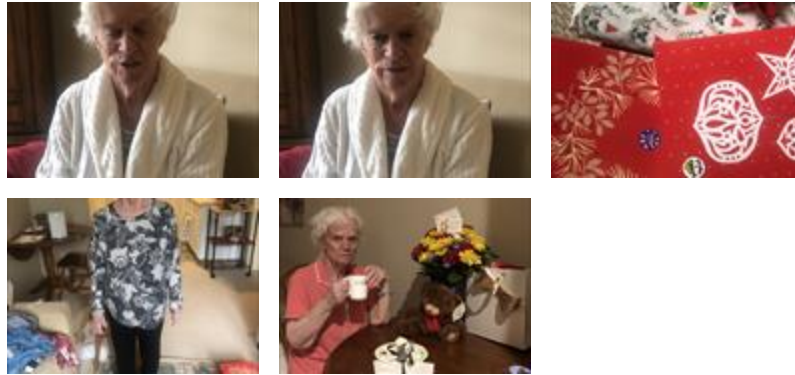
“ *Mom loves being visited by our poodles. She would just love on them endlessly. She had a special bond with Haachi and Kelli. I hope she finds Haachi, Peaches, Crackers (go nite nite) and Stubby Keomi and goes on great walks and gets as many puppy kisses as she likes. I love you mom. Thank you for all the wonderful Memories and visits Ezzie*



ezra vance - December 14, 2020 at 11:54 AM

EV

“ Mom loved her coffee and she loved opening Christmas gifts, but what was so special about her was that she loved giving presents and watching everyone open theirs first.



ezra vance - December 14, 2020 at 11:49 AM

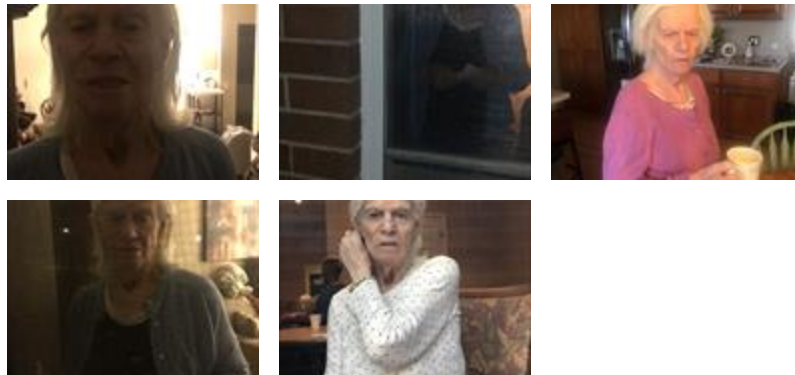
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I got that from her, I always love to see people smile. :)

Brenda Castillo (vance) - December 14, 2020 at 12:05 PM

EV

“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



ezra vance - December 14, 2020 at 11:38 AM

EV

“ *In the spirit of Christmas, here is mom with one of her beloved gifts. She loves this bear and would spend hours talking to him and listening to him read. Mom, I love you and miss you so much. Ezra*



ezra vance - December 14, 2020 at 11:29 AM