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We are saddened to announce the peaceful passing of Vera Steiner Kniss on July 8, 2023, in Wexford, Pennsylvania, after a courageous battle with lung cancer. Born on April 1, 1946, in Munich, Germany, Vera was a radiant soul who touched many lives with her thoughtfulness, resilience, and boundless spirit.

Vera was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She leaves behind her loving husband, George Kniss, her children Kristin Kuhns, Susan Bronder, and Steven Matolcsy, and her cherished grandchildren Mick Mlay, Emma Bronder, and Max, Mia, and Eli Matolcsy. She nurtured her family with an abundance of love, setting an example of strength and fierce passion that will continue to inspire them.

A woman of many talents and versatile skills, Vera completed her GED and earned an Associate's Degree through CCAC. She made her mark in the workforce as a manager in the retail and hospitality industries, where she was highly regarded for her professionalism, leadership, and commitment to customer service. Later in her career, she found joy and fulfillment working as a pet groomer, combining her passion for animals with her professional endeavors.

Vera was an impressive polyglot, fluent in four languages. This linguistic prowess was a testament to her intellectual curiosity and love for different cultures, which she demonstrated through her extensive travels. She had a unique ability to make friends wherever she went, creating connections that spanned countries and continents.

An avid animal lover, Vera found great joy in caring for her pets and the occasional stray who found their way to her door. She also had an exceptional green thumb. Her garden was small but vibrant, reflecting her nurturing heart and zest for life. Vera was an excellent cook and her recipes were inspired by her German ancestry.

Vera was a stalwart Pittsburgh Steelers fan, never missing a game and always proudly donning her team's colors.



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“Imagine there's no heaven. It's easy if you try. No hell below us - Above us, only sky. You may say I'm a dreamer. But I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us. And the world will be as one.” A humanist and atheist, Vera believed in treating your fellow man as you would want to be treated - not out of fear of punishment from God, but because it was the right thing to do.

In Vera, we remember a woman of grace, strength, and honesty. Her passionate nature and generous spirit will be deeply missed. Yet, we smile knowing that her legacy lives on in the hearts of those she loved and who loved her. Her memory will forever be a beacon of love, reminding us to appreciate the beauty around us, cherish our loved ones, and enjoy every moment that life grants us.

Vera Steiner Kniss, you were loved in life and will be dearly missed in death. You have left an indelible mark on this world, and your spirit will forever live on in our hearts.

Family and friends are welcome on Friday, July 14, 2023 from 11am to 3 pm & 6 to 8 pm and Saturday, July 15, 2023 from 11:30 am until 3 pm.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Friday, July 14, 2023 at 3 pm in the Funeral Home's Chapel.



Tribute Wall

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BL

Barry Lodwick posted:

I have so many wonderful Memories of Vera for her Positive Radiance of Life, and seemingly unwavering Kindness to Others.

July 22 at 5:13 PM

LG

Love, Mary Ann, Michelle, Jason And Gregory posted:

Dear George, Kristen, Jeff and Mick, Our most sincere condolences at this most difficult time.

July 14 at 7:38 AM



Anonymous posted:

Your family will be in our thoughts. With sympathy, Matt & Lindsey McNickle

July 13 at 11:55 AM

WO

West Hills Women's Democratic Organization posted:

The world is a little less vibrant today. Our thoughts are with you and your family, dear friend.

July 12 at 6:26 PM

TM

Toni Maraldo posted:

Sent with love and remembrance, my Dear Friend Vera, Toni

July 12 at 5:02 PM

LM

Lisa Maraldo Lee posted:

Youve made such a positive impact on so many people and fortunately I was one of them. Your beauty, grace and vitality will surely be missed.

July 12 at 4:13 PM



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MS

Maureen Sullivan posted:

Vera, I am so glad that we reconnected and spent time together over the last few years. I will also always remember being your neighbor in the 70s. We had some very good times and talks. My condolences to George, Kristin and Susie.

July 12 at 3:47 PM

MC

Marcy, Nick And Chase Colonna posted:

My dearest friend Vera, you were one of a kind and will be greatly missed. I will always cherish all of our wonderful memories. With deepest sympathy

July 12 at 1:06 PM



Anonymous posted:

We will miss seeing Vera on her long walks in the neighborhood, always stopping to chat for a few minutes. We enjoyed many laughs together.

July 11 at 2:52 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Friend, You will be greatly missed.

July 11 at 12:25 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear George, Kristin and Jeff, Vera will always be in our hearts. With much love, Philip and Mary Raneri

July 11 at 11:47 AM

KK

Kristin Kuhns posted:

I miss you mom. I wish we had had more time. Doing my best now to pay tribute, honor you, take care of Dad and Mickey, of course. I can still hear you in my mind and whispering in my ear and I am letting that guide me. Your loving daughter, Kristin

July 11 at 11:15 AM



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MV

Mike, Melissa, Alexander And Matthew Vallecorsa posted:

Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss... Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

July 11 at 4:46 AM

LM

Leah Maraldo posted:

My 2nd Mama. The ideal woman of femininity & strength. Your passion and vitality have always been an inspiration. Ill cherish our memories always.

July 10 at 2:52 PM

CS

Carol Voll-Brandon Smith posted:

Our condolences to George and the family. Vera was a bright and shining light in the neighborhood. She was an inspiration also. She was spunky, spirited, bright, beautiful, energetic, and definitely had a great green thumb! When she spoke of George, and her family, her eyes lit up with love! We will miss our friend and her beautiful smile. Carol & Brandon

July 10 at 1:33 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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