



Mareike Karen Petruzel

January 9, 1950 - March 2, 2018

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Passed away peacefully March 2, 2018 following an extended illness surrounded by her beloved husband of 44 years, Bill, and their son, Oliver. She is also survived by her 9-year old granddaughter, Addison Petruzel. Mareike was born on January 9, 1950, and raised in Wildflecken, Germany, along with nine brothers and sisters. It is there that she met her husband to be in 1972, married in 1973, and welcomed their son, Oliver, in 1974.

Between 1974 and 1999, Mareike worked as an accountant for several companies in Virginia and New Jersey -- eventually becoming the Financial Controller for a technology firm based in Arlington, Virginia.

Following her retirement, Mareike's lifelong love for animals led to her and Bill fostering more than 40 pitbull puppies, as well as permanently adopting several dogs of their own. She dedicated most of her free time to working with dog rescues and pet owners throughout the area – to include the design of many memorial websites for owners whose pets had passed away. It was during this time that she became affectionately known as “Magicwolf” throughout many communities dedicated to animal rescue. Also renowned for her home repair abilities, Mareike could fix almost anything.

A celebration of Mareike's life will be held on Saturday, March 24, at Jefferson Funeral Chapel in Alexandria, Virginia, from 2-4pm EST. In lieu of flowers Mareike's wishes were that donations be made in her name to Bobbie's Pit Bull Rescue, Fredricksburg, VA.

Comments



“ Bill,
My old friend, I'm saddened to learn of Mareike's passing. I remember her as a bright, friendly and pretty lady.
You, Oliver and Addison are in my prayers.
I will see you tomorrow.
Best,
Don Elder

March 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ A dear friend to 2 and 4 legged friends.

March 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM