



April M. Wilhelm

April 23, 1952 - July 17, 2020

April Mary Wilhelm loving wife and mother, passed away July 17, 2020 at the age of 68, after a long battle with breast cancer. She was the daughter of Benedict Peter Mazzucco and Mary Agnes Smith Mazzucco of Freehold New Jersey.

She is survived by; her husband of 32 years, Ronald G. Wilhelm, daughter, Clara F. Wilhelm, and one granddaughter, Delilah Queen-Renee Hemsley. She is also survived by four siblings; Judy Mazzucco of Freehold New Jersey, Josh Mazzucco of Atlanta Ga, Jan Mazzucco of Athens Ga, and Chris Mazzucco of Fernandina Beach Fl. In addition, she is survived by an extended family of nephews, nieces, in-laws, and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Benedict Peter Mazzucco and Mary Agnes Smith Mazzucco.

April attended Monmouth College in New Jersey; she graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with a B.S. degree; and Clemson University with a graduate degree in horticulture. April also did post-graduate studies at University of Maryland and University of Georgia in horticulture and education.

April was always a beacon of friendship and never met a stranger. She

collected friendships throughout her life. April was an outgoing person with a God-given gift of hospitality. She loved and was known for bringing people together for gathering, parties, and the holidays.

April had many interests and hobbies including: gardening, bird-watching, hiking, cooking, and camping. She loved quilting and collecting textiles in general. She loved nature and particularly her river house in the mountains. She loved animals; dogs being very special to her. She truly believed that we can make the world a better place. Over the years, she was active in many church activities.

April began her career teaching elementary school students. Horticulture and garden design were special for her. She operated and ran her own landscape company specializing in commercial indoor plant design. She retired in mid 1990's from teaching and concentrated on family and gardening.

April was a very special person and had a lot of life to live. She will be missed by family and all who knew her.

Due to the COVID virus, a memorial service and celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you make a contribution to the Virginia Native Plant Society (www.vnps.org) in April's honor. Please sign and view the online guestbook.

Tribute Wall



“ Today I learned from a fellow dorm-mate at Monmouth College that April passed away. I remember April well from freshman year in Pinewood Hall, as a bright and bubbly person with a kind word for everyone. Somehow we both ended up in Virginia -- I wish I'd known. Have thought of April many times over the years and wished we could get in touch. My sincere sympathies to her family.

Diane Marsiglia - July 16, 2023 at 01:14 AM



“ I met April at Monmouth College (1970). She was truly an original and a beautiful spirit! I have such fond memories of April. I'm so sorry to her family for their devastating loss. With sympathy and love, Penny (Nirenstein) Spiwack

Penny Spiwack - February 28, 2023 at 09:04 AM



“ April was my roommate at Monmouth College and I have tried for years to get in touch with her. I am devastated reading this post. She was such a positive influence in my life. We had the best of times. April you are always in my heart.

Dake Robins Krulick - February 27, 2023 at 10:01 PM



“ April M. Wilhelm

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM

SM

“ I will never forget how she took such great and loving care of our stepmother Joanne. I am so sorry.

Sabre Metcalf - January 24, 2021 at 01:36 PM

DZ

“ April was my very dear friend from Monmouth. We lost touch, & I've tried in vain to locate her over the years. I am heart broken to learn of her passing. My condolences and deepest sympathy to her family. She was a rare and precious gift to our world 💕💕

Deb Szczech Zabel - November 08, 2020 at 12:07 AM

RF

“ Dearest April, we are missing you every day! It took me three months to get through on the Jefferson Funeral site! Guess I needed your help to get through to tell you and your family how we always have treasured your friendship that over the years developed into being part of your lovely family and great amount of friends. Nobody were more thoughtful and helpful here in our neighborhood than you. We have shared so many happy and fun occasions together and wish you would be with us for 20 more years! Now we are hoping to see family and friends together at a memorial whenever the Corona virus allows us to assembly. Signing for your uphill friends, all missing you, Ruth, Bob, Dane and Frank Feist



Ruth Feist - November 01, 2020 at 09:27 PM

CJ

“ My thoughts are with Ron and Clara. April was a warm and loving person. I remember her laughter when we visited their home a long time ago. Clara was using her scooter to race through the house and April laughed as she told us to watch out for Clara. I hope that Ron and Clara are spending time together and supporting each other. All my love. Carey (johnston.carey@verizon.net)

Carey A Johnston - October 12, 2020 at 03:01 PM

RA

“ I am so sorry to hear that after a long struggle and a life well lived that April has passed. The Wilhelms are a strong and beautiful family. My thoughts are with you.

Robin Anderson

Robin Anderson - August 05, 2020 at 03:08 PM

SW

“ Ron, I am so sorry for your loss. I only met April a couple of times, but it seems I talked to her a lot calling you over the decades. She was always a delight to talk with. My thoughts are with you and Clara in the difficult times. Stuart Walker

Stuart Walker - August 05, 2020 at 02:19 PM

FM

“ Thank you to April for being a wonderful neighbor, always cheerful with a bright smile.

Francie Miller - August 01, 2020 at 11:26 AM

WD

“ We were blessed to have many fun and meaningful visits with April and Ron at the River House. We will miss April's infectious and energetic love of life, of people, and of nature. May God's peace be with you.

Allen, Meredith and Jaelynn Downey

Walter Allen Downey - July 31, 2020 at 10:49 AM

DP

“ Ron, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I only met April once, but I could see that she was a wonderful person. My thoughts are with you and your family. With deepest sympathy, David Pawel

David Pawel - July 30, 2020 at 04:59 PM

AM

“ April was a beautiful woman inside and out. I so loved her energy, kindness, and positivity. She also was a fighter and is an inspiration because of that. Rest in peace sweet April, you will be missed.

Amanda Miller - July 28, 2020 at 07:00 PM

SS

“ I feel so grateful for the friendship I shared with April. I loved her energy, her positivity and creativity. April had a fantastic sense of humour and always made me laugh. Faith recalls how she loved it when Miss April was driving in the school carpool because she always took the kids for ice-cream on the way home - she was the best. My Mum got to know April during her visits to Alexandria and we always shared a fun girls evening together - very happy memories. I loved her so much and will miss her terribly, my love and thoughts are with Ronnie, Clara and Delilah at this very sad time.

Sable Sorenson - July 28, 2020 at 10:25 AM

CB

“ April was such a wonderful person. She was always so helpful and thoughtful. As a kid, I have many fond memories of her taking me to the zoo, to the pool, and to get ice cream. I will truly miss her! Praying for you Ronnie and Clara!

Christina Bethancourt - July 27, 2020 at 08:40 PM

BS

“ We were very blessed to have known April not only as our neighbor but a very dear friend. She was always there if you needed anything and gave such good advice on whatever was on your mind. April was also a very strong lady who even though fought her cancer battle for years still had a smile and a willingness to be there for you. We will always remember that as well as her kindness and cheerful attitude. All of us here in Stoneybrooke and her family and many friends have lost a real Jewel! We will miss her smiling face and laughter too. Rest in peace, dear April and may God Bless Ronnie, Clara, Delila and the rest of the family as they continue their journey without her. Love, Bill and Wanda and Family.

Bill and Wanda Smith - July 27, 2020 at 06:13 PM

CM

“ Her husband Ronnie is my true friend. I didn't get to met April but she had to be special to be dearly loved by Ronnie. I know she will wait for Ronnie in heaven. She truly was a special lady.

Charles "Bill" McNabb - July 27, 2020 at 12:07 AM

MH

“ We were so lucky to live next door to April and enjoy conversation with her and Ron and sharing the growth to adulthood of Clara and our children over these last 16 years since we moved to Stoneybrooke. She will be dearly missed by so many neighbors and loved ones. She was so positive from the moment we met her even throughout her 7 year battle with cancer; she remained engaged and optimistic and never missed a chance to share a word and ask us about our children. We will miss her very much.
Mark and Debbie Husband

Mark Husband - July 26, 2020 at 10:51 PM

LL

“ When we moved into Stoneybrooke, April came over and offered to help me with our new butterfly garden. We chatted for over an hour. By the time she left, I knew what to plant, all about our new neighborhood, and that to April, the sun rose and set on Clara. The flowers she suggested are still thriving despite my neglectful approach toward gardening. It always reminds me of that first visit and the way she talked about her family. Ronnie and Clara, I hope you still feel her watching over you. Nobody who loves you that much could ever leave you.

Lianne LaFleur - July 26, 2020 at 12:14 PM

JJ

“ April was a dear, dear friend and neighbor. She could make my kids and me smile just by the mention of her name. She had the best sense of humor and one of the most caring, compassionate people we have ever known. We are here for you Ron and Clara and baby Delila. God Bless you.

judy jurkowski - July 25, 2020 at 05:46 PM

LM

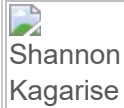
“We are deeply saddened by the passing of our wonderful neighbor and truly a good person and friend. Our 'Miss April' will be missed by many of us in this Stoneybrooke neighborhood for she touched so many of our lives with her kindness and concern about our well being. Our 'middle of the street conversations' on multiple common interest subjects shall be missed. We enjoyed sharing information about our families and in particular about the children. Our mutual interest in landscape and plant materials also lead many of our discussions. Our prayers shall continue for the family and to ask for Our God's Blessings for them. We are thankful for the Blessings of having 'Miss April' share her kind friendship in part of our life.
Sincerely With Love,
Lloyd & Virginia Milburn”

LLOYD E MILBURN - July 25, 2020 at 03:04 PM

ZM

“She was the best neighbor any one could have. Even though she was sick and at the time, she never stopped helping her neighbors. I had the good fortune of living next door. She helped raise every kid on the block, cared for the elderly and never said no to neighbors in need of help. She was a remarkable woman.
April, very patiently thought me about gardening and native plants. Thinking back, I wonder how she tollerated all my non-native, invasive plants, given how much she knew. She was kind with my lack knowledge about these things.
She never spoke badly of anyone, even once. During her dark days of cancer she was ever positive about recovery. April taught me a lot about being a good neighbor. I will always honor her. I have several happy and ridiculously funny memories that I cherish.
In her memory we are going to build a native flower bed. 🌻

Zoya Margolis - July 25, 2020 at 09:09 AM



Shannon
Kagarise

“ April had a gift of making you feel welcome and loved. Her presence would light up the room. I absolutely loved her cooking and recipes. Also, I enjoyed the talks, laughs, and the good times we would have while preparing meals. I always looked forward going to the river house for our family gathering/reunion each year. She made time for everyone there and she made each one of us feel special. My love goes out to Clara and Ronnie.

Shannon Kagarise - July 24, 2020 at 08:42 PM



LH

“ April could brighten a room as soon as she stepped in it! I remember being at my Grandmas house and April's laughter in the kitchen cooking up a storm! Such a great cook! Must have been that Italian background. She brought everyone together with her personality & so funny!! I loved her so!! Prayers to Ronnie & Clara, the new baby & all April's extended family!

Laura Harmon - July 24, 2020 at 08:01 PM



CT

“ Our dear sweet April..loved by all her knew her..A bright light in our lives..Funny..Fun loving..and a Fighter for 7 yrs. with Metastatic Breast Cancer..She was my sister-in-law..but so much more! I loved her very much..Rest in peace our beautiful April...

Caroline Tigrett - July 24, 2020 at 06:14 PM