



Gabrielle von Furstenberg

April 2, 1935 - February 3, 2019

On February 3, 2019 Gabrielle von Furstenberg passed away peacefully among loved ones. Her life was filled with courage and love. The courage to persevere and survive and a love for all people and living creatures. If ever she saw a big insect or small creature on one of her walks, she would move it to safety so no one could step on it. Those who knew her well always felt how much she cared for them. Born in 1935 on the island of Java, Gabrielle's idyllic childhood was cut short by losing her father and nearly her life in a Japanese concentration camp. Saved by her mother, she and her brother Hans managed to safely return to Europe. Almost immediately, her uncles began putting her down. They even sent her to a finishing school, to learn how to be a good housewife. Gabrielle never accepted their views of her, and grabbed the opportunity to complete a degree as a medical technologist at the University of Vienna in 1958. With her sense of confidence regained and a degree under her belt, Gabrielle immigrated to the United States to follow her dreams and find her independence. A strong and powerful woman in control of her own destiny, she first landed in New Mexico under the care of her uncle and aunt. For the first time in her life she could enjoy being a young woman.

With a new sense of freedom, in 1977, she completed a degree in Microbiology at Indiana University. In 1966 she met George, the love of her life. They were virtually inseparable and enjoyed classical music concerts, plays, talks, walks, travel, and museums together. Gabrielle kept them socially

active as well, with her wide variety of friends all around the world.

Gabrielle always had a deep connection with nature and taking care of her family's health. After realizing that she and George's health were beginning to decline, she strayed from the suggested diet of meat and potatoes. Instead they and their son Phillip adopted a strict diet of organic vegetables, grains, legumes, fish, and occasionally chicken. To this day, both her beloved son and husband remain in excellent health. As an avid walker and hiker, Gabrielle's soul was deeply connected to the surrounding wilderness in Bloomington, Indiana. She would frequently walk the same trail near Griffy Lake with her closest friends and loved ones. Even when she would travel, she was always up for a beautiful walk in the woods.

Gabrielle also had a deep love for learning. She would frequently reference what was reading about health, politics, philosophy, and spirituality. She developed a rich inner life and close relationship to a higher power. Gabrielle will never be forgotten for her loving smile and her deep hearty and often uncontrollable laughter. She was an amazing listener and could brighten anyone's day with her sense of humor, which was often silly and sometimes childish. To a life full of wonder, survival, and courage we celebrate her fearless and beautiful soul as she embarks on her next journey.

A mass of christian burial will be held at 11:00am Saturday, February 9, 2019 at the St John the Apostle Catholic Church 4607 W. State Rd 46 Bloomington. With Father Daniel Mahan officiating. Visitation will be held from 10:00am to service time Saturday February 9, 2019 at the church. Cremation Rites have been accorded. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to the family at www.allencares.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St John the Apostle Catholic Church
4607 St Rd 46
Bloomington, IN 47404

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall

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“ *NANNETTE ELISABETH DAPPER sent a virtual gift in memory of Gabrielle von Furstenberg*



NANNETTE ELISABETH DAPPER - April 11, 2019 at 01:07 PM

“ GEDICHTJE VOOR ONZE JELLY, EN HAAR FAMILIE.

VOOR ONZE BOEMIE - JELLY.

OP EEN TUINBANKJE ZATEN WIJ ,
ALS ZINGENDE VOGELTJES
IN DIE TUIN BIJ OPA EN OMA,
AAN DE MEERWEG EN DE DREESLAAN.
EN DAAR BOGEN DE ZWARE LILA SERINGEN DAN DIEP VOOR
ONS ,
TOT IN HET ZONNIGE - ZACHTE - VOORJAARS - GRAS....
EN ZIJ ZWAIDEN EN ZIJ KNIKTEN MAAR ,
EN NAAR DIE VERRE HOOGHE HEEMEL , DAAR :
SAAMEN ZO SIERLIJK EN ZWIERIG IN DE WIND.

EN NU BEN IK ZO BLIJ MET DIE ZO MOEDIG - DANSENDE
HERINNERING,
DIE NU INEENS VOOR MIJ KOMT ZINGEN ALS EEN MOOIE
TOOVERSPREUK
ZOALS HET GEKLATER VAN EEN BRUISEND BERGBEEKJE
UIT DIE HOGE BERGEN
VAN JOUW ALLERLIEFSTE WATER - KLATER - LAND.

EN HET HEY - BISTRA - WODA - LIED, MET DIE HEY
MUZIKANTSIES.
(ARMEA JANOSJIKA - UITVZUID POLEN EN NOORD
SLOWAKIJE).

MET ALLE LIEFS VAN NANNETTE, EN DE HELE FAMILIE
DAPPER - BOLKESTEIN,
EN ONZE VOORJAASRS - TUIN VOL VOGELS, DIE DAAR NU
OOK AL TER ERE VAN JOU KOMEN ZINGEN, IN DIERBARE
HERINNERING.





NANNETTE ELISABETH DAPPER - April 11, 2019 at 01:01 PM

ND

“ WIJ WENSEN GEORGEEN FILIP, HANS , EN FAMILIE NU ALLE LIEVE EN MOOIE HERINNERINGEN DIE ONZE JELLY VOOR ONS HEEFT MOGELIJK GEMAAKT.
JELLY - BOEMIE WAS EEN LIEFSTE VRIENDIN VAN MIJN VADER AD EN MOEDER LYA EN VAN MIJ. ZIJ KWAM NOG BIJ ONS LOGEREN IN FRIESLAND, IN DEKAMER VAN MIJN ZOON JORIS EN IN WOLVEGA GENOTEN WIJ MET HAAR VAN DE ZOMERSE TUIN, DE ZINGENDE VOGELS EN ALLE VERHALEN, VAN VROEGER EN VAN DAT MOMENT.
EN ZIJ WAS ALTIJD ALS WARE EN ZO HARTELIJKE FAMILIE VOOR ONS .

WIJ HEBBEN VOOR HAAR EEN LIED UITGEKOZEN, DAT WIJ IN DIT VOORJAAR HOORDEN, OP WEG VAN OOSTENRIJK NAAR HONGARIJE. EN HET LIED HEET :

"MAS OLELI A BABAMAT " , GESPEELD DOOR DE GROEP BALKAN FANATIC.

VOOR ONS IS HET ALSOF DE STEM VAN ONZE JELLY HIERIN IS TE HOREN, EN BEMOEDIGEND TOT ONS SPREEKT ALS EEN BEZORGDE MOEDER EN ZEER GELIEFDE VRIENDIN. WIJ ZIJN HAAR ZO DANKBAAR VOOR AL HAAR INTENSE LIEFDE EN VRIENDSCHAP IN ONS LEVEN. EN WENSEN GEORGE , FILIP, HANS EN FAMILIE EN VRIENDEN NU DE TROOST EN DE GOEDE VERSE MOED DIE JELLY HIER ZELF ZO GRAAG HAD GEBRACHT.

MET ALLE DANK NAMENS MIJN VADER AD DAPPER EN MOEDER LYA DAPPER - BOLKESTEIN, EN DOCHTER NANNETTE EN KINDEREN ADRIAN AND GEORGE VAN VLIET EN DAPPER, EN FAMILIE.

MET DEZE PRENTJES , DIE ONS DOEN DENKEN AAN HAAR , EN AAN HAAR GELIEFDE BERG- WEIDE - BLOEMEN IN ALT AUSSEE,
EN OOK AAN HAAR MOEDIGE MOEDER MANNY, EN FAMILIE.





NANNETTE E. DAPPER - April 11, 2019 at 06:09 AM

CG

“ Dear George and Philip: I was so sorry to hear of Gabrielle's passing; please accept deepest condolences from all of the Gardners. I will never forget how kind and generously supportive she was to us so many years ago when we first came to Bloomington. It was always a great pleasure to talk with her and to witness the sweet and loving relationship she had with each of you-- I know Roy would want me say," May her memory be a blessing to you.”

Thinking of you with love and sympathy.

Carla

carla gardner - February 12, 2019 at 10:35 AM

SA

“ The people of St. John the Apostle extend their sympathy and prayers. May Gabrielle rest in the peace of Christ.

St. John the Apostle

St. John the Apostle - February 11, 2019 at 04:54 PM

JS

“ George, I am sorry for your loss and I pray our Lord brings you and your family comfort during this time of sorrow.

James Self

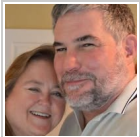
James K. Self - February 11, 2019 at 08:31 AM

MT

“ Gabrielle will be missed by us. we will miss her smile. I remember her as a young student in my class in the early 70's. she would always sit on the front row and ask questions. from that time we became close friends. we remember how excited she was when she adopted Philip.. Discussions on what kind of crib etc. Later on we enjoyed our occasional Sunday brunches together, even when her memory was going she was a lovely person. accept our deepest sympathy for your loss.

Mimi and Milton Taylor

Milton Taylor - February 09, 2019 at 08:43 AM



“ My parents were neighbors of Gabrielle and George. The Darrahs and Connollys send our loving prayers for peace for George and Phillip. May you find comfort in knowing that you were loved by a blessed woman.

*In faith,
Merry Ann, Dick and Bill Darrah
Lisa, George and Thomas Connolly*

Lisa Connolly - February 06, 2019 at 02:12 PM

JR

“ We wish to extend to you our deepest condolences on the passing of your beloved wife and daughter Gabrielle. We very much missed seeing her at concerts and other events during the period of her decline—now the loss will be permanent. We came to know her from the luncheons hosted by Hannah Wilson prior to the monthly Foreign Policy Seminars at Meadowood. From these we learned of her humanity, warmth and understanding of world affairs. We treasure our interactions with her. Please accept our deepest sympathy for your great loss.

John and Lislott Richardson

John and Lislott Richardson - February 06, 2019 at 10:49 AM

CT

“ Dear George,

Our deepest heartfelt condolences for the loss of your beloved wife. Such a beautiful eulogy!

Chye and Ruth Teh



Chye Teh - February 05, 2019 at 10:43 PM

RW

“ Gabrielle's ever-delightful smiles were unique gifts, from the God of all Creation, to untold numbers of God's children whom Gabrielle had encountered along life's journey.

Our lives had been very much blessed, and indeed, had been bathed in the warmth of her genuine humanity and her kind good nature.

For many years, since their son, Philip, was a boy, our Wagner Family began our new week touched by the warm smiles and greetings of Gabrielle and her family at Sunday Mass. Yes, we, and many others, have become better persons because of Gabrielle's brief presence among us. We shall continue to reserve enduring space for Gabrielle's smile among our more joyful memories.

God bless and protect you, George and Philip, in your precious loss. Amen.

Jean and Robert (Bob) Wagner

Robert Wagner - February 05, 2019 at 10:39 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Gabrielle von Furstenberg.



February 05, 2019 at 09:55 AM