

Maria Francesca Myers

March 18, 1950 - November 2, 2017

Maria Francesca Myers, of Lewis Center, passed away peacefully Thursday, November 2, 2017 at The Kobacker House after a courageous battle with cancer. She was 67 years old.

Born in 1950 in New Rochelle, New York and a graduate of Maria Regina High School, Maria grew up with and always carried an intense pride for her Italian heritage. Mama Maria, as she was fondly known by many, found most joy in being a mother. She opened her home to share her gifts for cooking and storytelling, and her kindness and zest for life. All were family at her table. Loyal and protective, Maria had a way of becoming a caregiver and nurturer to everyone around her.

Maria had a successful career in sales, spending her last 11 years as a Senior Advertising Consultant for Columbus Business First newspaper. There she built her legacy as a warm and passionate salesperson, and a revered coworker, friend and mentor. She achieved the company's highest honor as Salesperson of the Year in 2016.

Maria always gave back to her church and community. Her most treasured community role earlier in life was with the Dayton Childbirth Education Association. A rebel for her time, Maria was proud to be able to educate women on their ability to choose their own childbirth method. Maria also took

pride in being a member of the Board for The Heritage at Hannah Neil. Her giving and acts of kindness are innumerable.

Maria is preceded in death by her father, Francesco Zito and brother, Frank Zito. She is survived by her children Beth (Mike) Ryan, Faith Myers, Nick Myers, Jordan (Jenie) Myers, grandchildren Rylie, Ramsey, Jack and Jaycie, brother Phil (Cindy) Marcy, sister-in-law Kim Zito, nephews Matt (Laura, Maya) Zito, Jeff (Ksusha) Zito, and niece Kristin (John, Giana and Luca) Mpasiakos.

Our family would like to thank Dr. Ritu Salani and her team at The James, OhioHealth Hospice and The Kobacker House for the care and compassion they showed Maria and us during her journey.

Friends may call on Friday, November 10, from 4 pm – 7 pm at RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High Street in Worthington. Funeral Mass on Saturday, November 11, at 10 am at Immaculate Conception, 414 E. North Broadway. Father Matthew Hoover, Celebrant. A luncheon will follow the mass.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Maria Myers be made to the Gynecologic Oncology Cervical Cancer Research Fund - 312542, c/o OSUCCC-James Development Office, 660 Ackerman Rd; 6th Floor, P.O. Box 183112, Columbus, OH 43218-3112. Gifts can be made online at <https://www.giveto.osu.edu/makeagift/?fund=312542> or to the OhioHealth Foundation, Kobacker House, 800 McConnell Dr., Columbus, OH 43214. Gifts for the Kobacker House can be made online at <https://www.ohiohealth.com/ohiohealth-foundation/>

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **10**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home
515 High Street
Worthington, OH 43085
(614) 885-4006
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Mass

NOV **11**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
414 E. N. Broadway
Columbus, OH 43214

Tribute Wall



“ *Maria Francesca Myers*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I'm so sad that Maria has left us. I worked with her for many years at Business First. I don't believe I ever saw her have a bad day. No matter what, she was always warm, funny and ready to help. I will always treasure her hilarious stories about her "Papa" and her (very short) tenure as a barmaid at a biker bar in my hometown of Vandalia. May she rest in peace.*

Robin Smith - November 10, 2017 at 02:55 PM



“ *To Maria's family and loved ones: She spoke of you often with such love and compassion. She was one of the warmest, kindest people I have ever been blessed to know. She had a warm smile, a loving hug and kind words for everyone she met. She often shared stories of her family and her devotion to each of you. To her co-workers and friends: She loved her work and you and always shared her enthusiasm for what she did in her profession through her stellar customer service. She often spoke fondly of her leaders, her team and the publishing/advertising industry. I am so sorry we all lost such a great person.*

May you all find comfort in the wonderful memories I know you have of Maria.

Sophie Ferez

Sophie Ferez - November 10, 2017 at 11:42 AM

JC

“ God bless you and your family Beth. Your mom was a wonderful lady! I remember the first time I met her. My thoughts are with you!

Jeff chandler - November 08, 2017 at 05:35 PM

IS

“ To the family of Maria I express my sincere condolences upon her passing. She was a very kind and warm hearted lady and I trust that you find comfort in shared memories.
Most sincerely Ingrid Springer

Ingrid Springer - November 08, 2017 at 05:18 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria Francesca Myers.



November 08, 2017 at 12:36 PM

JA

“ Maria was an awesome person and I enjoyed listening to her stories and working with her. Deepest sympathy to all. Jacquie Ayres, CME Federal Credit Union

Jacquie Ayres - November 08, 2017 at 10:46 AM

PR

“ *Faith and Beth, My heart and soul is shattered with the news of your mom’s death. Unfortunately, I had been out of touch for too long and was unaware of her illness. My daughter, Katie, and I were just talking about her at dinner last night and how I needed to call her. I will forever remember our first meeting at OSU, lunches at noon when we could both get away, and dinners at Giorgio’s as well as her tireless work with Hannah Neil. She’s still teaching us lessons... stay in touch no matter how busy life gets.*



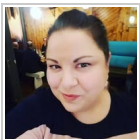
Patti Reid - November 08, 2017 at 09:17 AM

TC

“ *Tony, Linda, Jimmy and Kami Contakis purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Maria Francesca Myers.*



Tony, Linda, Jimmy and Kami Contakis - November 08, 2017 at 09:01 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to Maria's Family and Friends. I worked with Maria for several years at The Employment Guide. Sadly, I had fallen out of touch with Maria and was very sad to here of her passing. I think often of Mama Maria. She had a warm heart and a wonderful sense of humor. I loved hearing her stories and sharing our Italian heritages with each other. She was a very giving person and loved her children and grandchildren tremendously. She will be missed. Malissa Wheeler Littleton*

Malissa Wheeler Littleton - November 07, 2017 at 05:45 PM