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Anne-Marie Bedell, formerly of St. Croix, USVI, died peacefully, and uncharacteristically quietly, January 26, 2015 on a beautiful morning in St. Augustine, Florida. Her daughter Susanne, who greatly assisted her through a difficult last year, was at her side. Anne-Marie was born and raised in Denmark. In her early teens, her independence pronounced itself and she began what would be a lifetime of travel and exploration. Her adventures began in Europe, though within a few years found her in America, where she would raise her family. Her American story began in Brookline, MA, would take her to Denver, CO, Boise, ID, Keene, NH and Hendersonville, NC. She proudly received her degree from Keene State College and was very excited the day she became a naturalized American. After visiting a friend on St. Croix in 1990, Anne-Marie moved to the Virgin Islands where she would spend most of the next 25 years. In between were many trips to Denmark and Germany, as well as numerous other countries in Europe and the Caribbean. Anne-Marie was direct, feisty, stubborn and usually opinionated, yet was beloved and made life-long friendships every stop along her way. Her spirit was infectious and brought life to whatever room she entered. She found great pleasure and proudly maintained her European heritage during her years of involvement with German Club and Friends of Denmark. Her brave and adventuresome spirit took its form in sky-diving, a year at a Danish Folk

school, sailing adventures in the Caribbean, backpacking to 10,000 feet with her sons (after flying from sea level), kayaking, whitewater rafting - it seemed there was nothing she feared! After raising her family she would spend most of her career in various retail business positions where her ability to connect with people was a clear asset. On St. Croix, Anne-Marie proudly worked and expanded Closet to Closet, a clothing consignment store, where she nurtured and cared for her patrons, as well as cherished lasting friendships with her co-workers and many patrons. Anne-Marie's compassion was put to good use for many years as an advocate for the Women's Coalition and later, as a proud mother to some rescue animals. Anne-Marie's dynamic and unmistakable personality will be dearly missed by her friends and family who have been fortunate to have her blow into their lives. She was deeply proud of her family, friends and her heritage - she was a Dane, an American and a Cruzan. Anne-Marie was preceded in death by her parents Borge and Annelise Bjorklund, brothers Claus and Niels. She is survived by daughter Susanne Whittier of St. Augustine, FL, husband Paul, children Brandon and Annelise; son Mikael Bedell, wife Cheryl Bracht, daughters Mettalise and Nancy of Cascade, ID; son Peter Bedell, wife Lindsey, daughters, Tatum and Harper, dog Fenway, of Big Sky, MT; brother Lars and sister Ulla of Denmark; and numerous family and friends in Demark, St. Croix and around the world. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 30, 2015 at St. Johns Family Funeral Home with Rev. Dan Ott officiating. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

WP

“ Dear Peter and Mikael, I am very sorry for your loss. Your Mother made an indelible mark on my youth and I was lucky enough to see her several times into my adulthood. She was an amazing woman who I looked up to in admiration and in Hollywood "wow she's incredible" kind of way. You and your children are fortunate to have such genetics. We should all live with a little more of Anne-Marie's abandon of convention and her lifelong commitment to adventure. You and your families have been in my thoughts of late as I have been having fond thoughts of you, and your Mom. Hoping you are, your wives and children are well. With warmth & fondness, Wendy

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**Wendy Perrin** - February 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Dear Anne-Marie I will always remember you for your one of a kind personality and spirit. I am grateful that I got to know you through your sister Ulla. I will miss you, take care.

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**Jesper Lindeberg** - February 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Dear Moster Anne-Marie i had the distinct joy and pleasure of your presence to the very end. I remember vividly as a boy when I looked forward to your many visits Denmark. I particularly remember when you gave me a Sweater with USA on it, it was magical and made me so happy. It has since sparked an interest and passion for visiting you in USA multiple times. you were always kind and open to welcome me when i visited you in St. Croix in 1995 and 1997. We had many deep conversation about life, family and values of how to go through life. In that sense I share a lot of your sense for adventure, exploration of the little things in life as well as possessing a restless nature. You are loved and greatly missed. I will always cherish the sense of encouragement you gave in pursuing my goals in life. for that you have my eternal love and respect. I am in a sense relieved that you now have your peace, our sincere conversation a month ago, lead me to believe that you were ready to embrace your departure with peace knowing you had lived your life to the fullest. I love you forever, you are greatly missed!  
Your nephew Christian

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**Christian Romeo Bjorklund** - February 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ Dear Susanne, Peter, Mikael and your families. We are sorry to hear that your dear mother has passed away. We wish to send you our deepest condolences og thoughts in this difficult time. The warmest love Birgit, Finn, Gitte, Annette and Torben Bjrklund

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**Finn Bjrklund** - February 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

UL

“ You will be missed Soester! Love, hugs, and kisses on your last journey. Steen and your sister Ulla

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**Ulla and Steen Lindeberg** - February 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NY

“ Goodbye, dear friend!! choose to remember all the good times we shared over the many years we have known each other. You have finally found the peace that you needed. You and I will always be linked through your wonderful children. Thank you for having been my friend.

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**Nina York** - February 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ Finn Bjrklund has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.

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**Finn Bjrklund** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I'm sending you lots of Love And Peace on your last journey.

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**Claus Bjrklund** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ I'm sure there will be loving angels in heaven - may your last trip be quiet and peacefull.

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**Birgit Krogh Johansen** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Charlotte Maria Bjrklund has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.

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**Charlotte Maria Bjrklund** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I met Anne-Marie later in her life but instantly was drawn to her personality and love of life. She was an adventurer which I loved and opinionated which comes from wisdom and experience. I wish I had known her sooner. She fought the good fight until the end. Rest in peace.

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**jane Bowditch** - January 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ I only wish I had known her -- she sounds like one amazing woman. At least I am fortunate to know her daughter Susanne....

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**Robin Gifford** - January 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Susanne, Mikael and Peter -- I was so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. We had a lot of good times during the years she lived on island. She always spoke so lovingly of you children and was so proud of you all. May she have eternal peace.

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**Elaine Bidelspacher** - January 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Hi Suzanne and Paul; I am very sorry to hear about your dear Mother. I know how much fun Ann-Marie was, and what a beautiful and lovely lady. My sincere thoughts and prayers, Love, Kiki and Robert

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**Kiki Trahon** - January 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Dear Anne-Marie,thank you to a wonderful woman for all those talks,laughts,thoughts and moments we shared together,precious memories that can't be taken away, will stay in our hearts forever!We will miss you! RIP love Susanne and Marion

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**Susanne Garcia Santana** - January 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Dear Mom, I'm saddened you needed to leave so young but I understand you were tired. Every sun must set. You gave me life, knowledge, direction and a lifetime of love. Your legacy will live on in your children and our children. RIP, I love and miss you xo  
Susanne

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**Susanne Whittier** - January 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM