



Maria Elizabeth Schineller

May 7, 1929 - August 12, 2021

Maria Elizabeth Schineller, 92, passed away August 12, 2021, at Moultrie Creek Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in St Augustine, Florida. She was born on May 7, 1929 in Brooklyn, New York to Anton Schweiss and Elizabeth (Reifenrath) Schweiss. Maria attended a Catholic boarding school in Germany as a child. She also acted as a translator for the American soldiers until WWII began. She then returned to the United States on a freighter where she completed her education in New York.

Maria married soon after and raised a family in New York before moving to Oxnard, California in 1984 with a brief stay in Olympia, Washington before moving to and settling in St Augustine, Florida in 1988. Maria is remembered for her selfless volunteerism. She volunteered countless hours with the Girl Scouts, Flagler Hospital, St Johns Sheriff's Office, and Learn to Read. She also volunteered at her church. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church in St Augustine, a founding father of Pilgrim Church in St. Augustine and a member of the United Church of Rockville Center N.Y, where her voice could be heard most Sundays as she was a member of the choir.

Maria enjoyed doing arts and crafts, especially crochet and she owned a vast collection of Seraphim angels. She also loved Christmas and would celebrate each of the four Advent Sundays leading up to Christmas Day. She would use these four Sundays to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas.

Maria also loved to travel and logged many miles in an RV visiting various locations throughout the country. She loved to travel here and abroad. Family was very important to her. She loved her dogs too.

Maria is survived by her children Stephanie L. Pearce (Mark) of St Augustine; son, John Anton Randel (Debra) of St Augustine and was predeceased by daughter Janine Wisnowski (Tom). Maria is also survived by stepsons Lawrence Lennis Schineller III (Viola) of Massapequa, NY and Curtis Schineller (Jennifer) of Islip, NY; step-daughters, Cathy Dickovitch (Don) of Elmont, NY, and Dale Kirschbaum (John) of Wantagh, NY. She is also survived by 17 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. Maria was preceded in death by her husband Lawrence Lennis Schineller, Jr.

A Memorial Service officiated by Rev. Carolyn Williamson will be held Tuesday September 7, 2021, at 11:00 AM EST at St Johns Family Funeral Home. She will be inurned at the Jacksonville National Cemetery following the Memorial Service at 2:00 PM. Covid-19 safety protocols will be in effect. Those unable to attend the services at the funeral home can view the service live streamed at <https://iframe.dacast.com/b/156599/c/549019>.

St Johns Family Funeral Home & Crematory is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

ST JOHNS FAMILY FUNERAL HOME
385 State Rd 207
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Interment

SEP 7. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Jacksonville National Cemetery
4083 Lannie Road
Jacksonville, FL

Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Maria Elizabeth Schineller*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - September 05, 2021 at 04:15 PM

HE

“ At some point in our lives we look back at the people who helped shape us into who we are today. When Jan and I met way back in 7th grade (it's been so long I can't remember the year) I didn't realize that not only would I get a best friend, but also someone who would become a second mother to me. I learned so much from her. Things like how to navigate dinner parties, Advent Sunday sing alongs, Girl Scouts, Church Choir and life in general, I came to call her Mom S. She took me in when my own parents moved to Arizona. I remember her talking to my Mom to let her know I would be safe and she would take good care of me. She did.



As life moves on we end up being in touch less but the love never fades. We spoke throughout the years but not as often as i should have. A week after I retired in 2013 we took a cross country trip to see her and Dad S. My husband and I still speak of that trip with fond memories.

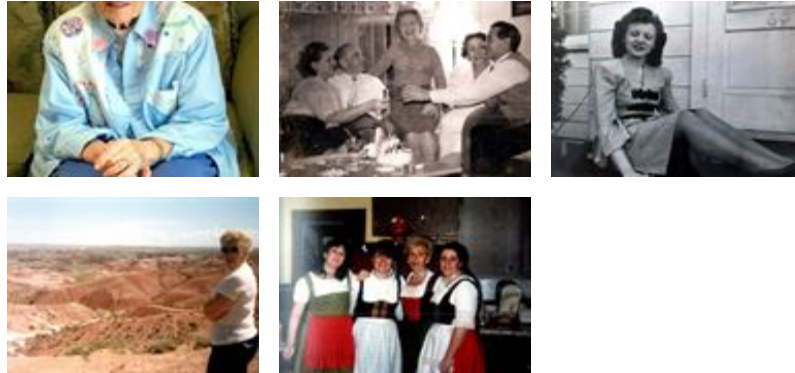
There was some sort of comfort knowing she was still there, but there is also comfort in knowing she is at rest now.

Rest in Pease Mom S. I will miss you

Hannelore Eckert - September 06, 2021 at 04:59 PM



“ 52 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - September 05, 2021 at 04:14 PM

SP

“ Well Mom, things didn't turn out exactly as we planned but I'm praying that you are at peace now. You are with Jan , Oma, Tante Toni, Aunt Elaine and so many others that you love. I hope you dance ❤️



stephanie pearcr - September 02, 2021 at 03:47 PM

GC

“ The pastors, staff, and congregation members of Grace United Methodist Church (St. Augustine, FL) wish to extend their sincere Christian sympathy to the family at this time of sorrow! Prayers are being lifted...

Grace United Methodist Church - August 20, 2021 at 10:27 AM

RR

“ I will never forget her kindness and generosity to a schoolgirl from then Ceylon visiting the US for the first time. Maria was the Scout leader who hosted us when I came to attend a Girl Guide conference back in 1975. Jan was my friend but Maria never failed to keep in touch signing off as" Auntie & Uncle ". Years rolled by and my mother too visited her in the late 1980s. I still treasure a crystal vase she sent me as a wedding gift. I wished her for her B'day last year but this year was different.

*May the holy angels keep guard over her
May her soul rest kn peace.*

*Roshini Rodriguez
Sri Lanka*

Roshini Rodriguez - August 19, 2021 at 03:33 AM

SP

*She loved the tea Rossini. She thought of you often.
Stephanie*

stephanie pearce - September 02, 2021 at 03:50 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Maria Elizabeth Schineller.*



August 18, 2021 at 10:29 PM

NA

“Aunt Ria” is always a part of my childhood memories. She was a lovely face across many of our family tables, and a kind friend to my parents. God bless your entire family at this sad time.
Nancy Mehrmann Ardizone

Nancy Mehrmann Ardizone - August 18, 2021 at 07:36 PM

TB

I will forever cherish every memory made with my amazing Oma!! She made our childhood Easter's unforgettable and made each & every Christmas that much more special. She was a kind woman with a big heart that could be strict when needed. The world is definitely a much darker place without her. Gone but never forgotten, we love you Oma ❤️❤️ Until we meet again.

Traci Randel Blevins - August 18, 2021 at 07:16 PM



Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria Elizabeth Schineller.



August 18, 2021 at 07:01 PM

AG

I have known Maria for many years since the late 80's. she has always been good to me and she always shared her home with me and introduced me to many of her family and then included me in her Christmas festivities. She will always have a special place in my heart and she will be surely missed...

Ann Marie Grell

ann marie grell - August 18, 2021 at 06:10 PM