



Marianne Rathmann

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In Loving Memory of Marianne Rathmann

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Marianne Rathmann, beloved sister, aunt, and friend, passed away peacefully on May 8, 2025, at the age of 92. Born in Stuttgart, Germany in June 1932, Marianne was the eldest of her siblings and maintained a deep connection to her family throughout her life.

She lived in Germany prior to coming to the US where she met her husband, Wolfgang Rathmann. Together, they made their home in Wayne, New Jersey, where Marianne became known for her gracious hospitality and the joyful dinner parties she hosted—bringing together friends with good food, warm conversation, and lasting memories.

Marianne worked for many years at the United States Postal Service, where she was a dedicated and respected colleague. Her work ethic and pride in her role were evident throughout her career, and she found a strong sense of community in her work.

A passionate traveler, Marianne loved discovering new places and cultures. She also had a deep appreciation for flowers and nature. Though not a gardener herself, she found great joy in the beautifully maintained gardens that surrounded her home and often took time to admire their beauty.

Marianne was predeceased by her beloved husband, Wolfgang Rathmann, her parents, Franz and Paula Hoeflacher; her brothers, Rolf, Siefried and Gunther Hoeflacher as well her beloved sister Ilse Ruppert.

She is survived by her loving siblings: Gerda Witt, Irene Feuchter, Ingrid Proeschl, and Dieter Hoeflacher. She is also remembered fondly by her nieces, Andrea (Garry) Wilburn, Christine (Darrin) Ray, and Patricia (Wayne) Wagnecz and their families along with extended family and friends in Germany and Norway.

Marianne will be deeply missed by her dear friends Khaled and Teresa Mostafa and their children, Omar, Murad and Kashif along with beloved friends, Teresa Bacallao, Kasia Weglarz, Joan Higgins and Marguerite Digrindakis whose friendship brought her comfort and joy.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date to honor and celebrate her life.

In remembrance of Marianne, the family encourages you to enjoy the beauty of nature or share a warm meal with someone you love—simple pleasures she truly cherished.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

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“ Remembering some of the fond memories I have of Marianne, start out with my daughter. Tara was four years old when I met her. On her return trips from Germany she always had a gift for her. Upon meeting my mother, she formed a friendship. She would invite my mother and her lady friend Jenny Ludtke for a luncheon. Always having the table set for a queen. Remembering how exquisite her dinner parties were. It always baffled me that she had cooked all the food the day before. You would have never known because it tasted so good. I was invited to the Culinary Arts banquet in New York City. Wolff was unable to attend, and I was invited to go. I will never forget the experience! There's too many memories to list, but the past few years are fond in my heart. I spent time with Marianne once a month for the past few years. Her hospitality was overwhelming. I miss talking to her on the phone. As I sit here now, I wonder if she hears me when I'm talking to her. ❤️ May you rest in peace my friend.

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