



Maris Faye Fredricks

December 6, 2020

MILWAUKEE - Dec. 6, 2020, age 69, of Milwaukee, of COVID-19. Treasured daughter of the late Ruben and Anita (nee Eschner) Fredricks. Beloved sister of the Rev. Robert W. (Marjorie) Fredricks, Kathleen Neville, Kira Sheahan-Malloy (Michael Malloy) and the late Thomas Fredricks. Treasured aunt of Cathi Fredricks (Richard Guy), Kimberly (Jaime) Villacorta and David Fabian. Cherished great-aunt of Jaime, Max, Sam and Emma Malloy; Seth and Hope Villacorta; and Isabelle Guy. Further survived by other relatives and friends, especially her bowling buddies and her companions at The Way Church. The family sends its heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated staff at Ascension SE Wisconsin Hospital - Elmbrook Campus for their care of Maris in her final days.

Maris was an aunt and great-aunt not only to the children in her family but to many other children over the years. She was a kind and gentle soul, with a generous and tender heart. Her passing will leave a big hole in many of our hearts.

You are invited to a zoom celebration on January 16, 2021 at 1 PM central time. If people want to speak at this, they should contact Carolyn. Carolyn's email is: carolynkottwashburne@gmail.com 414-961-1779. Also please feel free to post on the Tribute Wall on this site.

Tribute Wall

DF

“ Thank you to all of Maris's friends and family who shared beautiful memories. We will all keep her spirit alive by being kind, loving, connected, and joyous to all as she was in life. We love you Maris!



David F. - January 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Maris was the most loving person to family and friends. She loved her bowling and the trips we all took. I was so excited to show her where I came from the UP and hoping to have her experience a real Finnish sauna . But it wasn't working. Maris helped me with the move from our old house to our new house and was a frequent visitor or overnight guest in our new one. She loved to feed Milo his treats and he loved her back. Her laugh was infectious and just made you feel good inside. My sons used to tease her when the Bucks, Brewers or Packers lost that she must have been at the game or yelling for the other team. Maris was like one of the family. She will be dearly missed by my family. He was always there to help with Al. RIP my friend til we meet again.

Bonnie Degenhardt - December 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JS

“*Maris was a great aunt, a friend and an amazing partner in all things fun. Elijah talks of his favorite memories like going with her to the dells where they would to the petting zoo. They both loved going to the Betty Bryne museum, parks and definitely bowling. We miss all the sleepovers where we'd order pizza or I'd cook dinner and talk about the week. Some of my earliest memories were visiting Maris and grandpa at their mobile home. I used to love collecting all of the McDonald's memorabilia and collectibles with the rest of us kids. I loved that we could count on seeing her for all the holidays with her bright yet infectious laughs. She was never angry, not once have I seen her mad. Elijah and I are going to be lost without Maris. We will miss her always, she will live in our hearts. Forever love from Elijah and Jaime Sheahan*

Jaime Sheahan - December 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KS

“*Maris lived her entire life with her whole heart on full display. She deeply loved her family and friends and never missed an opportunity to spend time with all of us. Her generosity was not limited to material things. She volunteered to help anyone in need, but to those of us that were lucky enough to be loved by her- she was tirelessly available. So many children have grown up enveloped in and been influenced by her kind and gentle spirit. She loved and cared for me from birth, as she did all four of my children. Her devotion to our grandson Elijah was legendary. At every one of their births she presented a hand knit afghan to warmly welcome them into the world. Maris loved to travel. Planes, trains automobiles and cruises- and she shared her travels through pictures and great stories. She loved bowling, shopping, music (well, mostly Kenny Rogers), and never missed a party. Her cheese torte has been a cherished staple at many of them. I am grateful for our time together, her limitless kindness, and for the patient, gentle influence on our family. I will miss you, Maris. ❤️*

Kira Sheahan-Malloy - December 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ I have hundreds of memories of the time I spent with my Aunt Maris over the years. Times where we laughed, talked, and just hung out. One of my favorite memories and traditions was from when I was much younger. Every year she would take me to the Milwaukee County Zoo. My dad would drop me off in Slinger, where Maris would pick me up. We would spend the whole drive talking and singing to music. When we reached the Zoo, she would take me around and talk to me about all the animals. We would eat all the naughty foods I wasn't allowed at home, and bond over our favorite animals. To this day, I am convinced my love of animals comes from the time I spent with Maris. I am grateful for every moment that we spent together, and she will forever be missed.

Emma Malloy - December 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I can hear your laugh as I type this. All the fun times bowling in leagues, tournaments and working with the association. The swimming, the bus trips, the jello shots, the cookie exchanges. You're a key piece in all of those memories. You're missed more than you could have ever known. Thank you, Maris, for being a kind and generous person. We're all better for having known you.

Kelly Bergin - December 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ My earliest memory of my Aunt Maris is the 70's bead strings she had hanging in her bedroom doorway in place of her door. As a child I thought it was the coolest. And yes as my dad has reminded me it was Maris who introduced me to Kenny Rogers. Over and over again she played his greatest hits 8 track tape and I can still sing some of the lyrics by heart. We were going to love him whether we wanted to or not. She had that kind of infectious enthusiasm. I also remember her patiently putting perms in my hair so many times (during those years of strange hair styles). I took for granted that Maris would be at most of our family gatherings and that with that would come her laughter, her generous gift giving and her sensitive heart. She could make us all cry when she prayed or hugged you goodbye. She was very, very kind to me over the years. She even let me live with her for two summers between University years so I could earn some money. She helped me find work, let me tag along, loaned me clothes and jewellery, took me to church, and kindly put up with my large intrusion in the small home she shared at the time with her dad (my grandpa). I remember then how hard she worked with multiple jobs. Maris loved to play but she worked hard. I think of Maris everyday as spread out the blanket each night on my bed which she made for my husband and I wash my dishes with the dish clothes she crocheted for me (I really dont like using any other!). Maris was the epitome of a great aunt, welcoming so very many children (well beyond the formal definitions of family) into her arms. I am glad she is at peace with God. But selfishly we are all heartbroken that we don't have more time with her.



Cathi Fredricks - December 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Maris was a dear friend for over 40 years. I met her at church and found out my husband Greg and her had attended Sunday school together at Calvary. As our family grew, Maris was always there to assist this young mother. She truly loved them and they knew that. At one point Greg was traveling out of town and I needed to get one child to the Dr. , Maris drove from her home in West Allis down to Racine to help me out! I always respected Maris and her love for her family. She truly gave of herself to help others, Being a role model of Gods love, you're the best MarisWe send our sympathy to Kathleen and Bob and their families for this loss of their sister. Rest In Peace Maris, rejoice with your mom and dad in God's presence. Love youGreg and Sandy Welch

Sandy Welch - December 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ We will miss your smile and laughter. All our Saturday night snacks and watching HGTV on bowling trips won't be the same. You were always ready to take a swim in the hotel pool, and we had to take your picture!! You are a kind generous friend who was always willing to help. We will strive to be more like you, putting others first. Until we meet again....Lauren and Lisa

Lauren Grunzel - December 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I will miss Maris, her big heart, her sense of humor, and her genuine nature. I have fond memories of Maris and Grampa Ruben caring for me as a child; frequently taking me to church and out for fast food treats. I remember Maris at family gatherings and barbecues where she loved being around the family, friends, and children in attendance. When Christmas rolled around she would arrive with a joyful grin arms full of thoughtful gifts to rival St. Nick. Maris showed her care in many ways beyond gift-giving; she was generous with her time, baking abilities, and in her devotion. I'll miss her kind presence in the world. Love you, Maris!



David Fabian - December 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Maris was a very nice and kind person. She was a great bowler. I have many fond memories of her.. Rest in peace Maris .My deepest sympathy to her family and friends. She will be missed.

Stephanie and Dave Lembke - December 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ I will always remember your laugh.

Sandra Liederbach - December 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ I have only met Maris a few times , however I feel like I have known her for years. She was a very dear friend of my Sister in law Tracy Anderson for years. She was always there for her in a heartbeat when she needed her help with Pudgy's Potatoes in Timbavati Park In Wisconsin Dells. She had a heart of gold and will be very missed. Rest in peace!

Cathy Anderson - December 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ My head is spinning and my heart is broken. I have so many memories. From bowling Nationals to Bowling state tournies and 600 Tournaments, We were local Senior partners for many years, We really had great times, trip to Door Co,. Baraboo for Christmas and summer parades to see Cody and Kelley march. I have only good memories for Maris. Until we meet again-Laurie Grunzel



Lauren Grunzel - December 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ Although I was never able to meet Maris in person , I was able to get to know her alittle by the thoughts and stories which were shared with me from a very close friend of hers over the past couple of years. She appears to have left a fond memory of love , devotion and very close friendship. I am sure that everyone she has left behind are much better people having known her. God bless .

Kevin - December 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ 35 years ago I met one of the nicest people in the world. Maris was bowling on The Sorry sixteen league and I joined the fun. My daughter Jennifer and my son Nicholas enjoyed every Friday night especially the times we went out to eat after bowling at Denny's or Cataro's. There are so many awesome memories. From rooming together on trips to watching Packer games and attending Brewer games. Maris was so kind to all and had a laughter that was contagious. She never stopped helping anyone who needed it. During my cancer treatments Maris was one of my angels. I will miss her dearly. So thankful we were able to Praise the Lord together at The Way Church. Forever in my heart!

Lourdette - December 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ *And the competition either on Wednesday mornings or in tournaments was so much fun! 🏏*

Geri Klebenow - December 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *My fondest memories of Maris were the family holidays as a young kid when she would come to visit. Maris was the life of the party for the kids, notoriously bringing mountains of toys over for all the kids to play with. As a new father myself, I have come to appreciate all her efforts those years helping raise me to who I am today. She brought nothing but love, encouragement, & happiness into our lives. I will miss but always cherish our annual discussions of bowling & the Green Bay Packers, but most importantly all the positivity and light she brought into the room. That same warm, loving heart that reminds me so much of her father. Rest easy, Maris. We love you!*

Max - December 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ *Maris - We have endless memories to share. Absolutely - 2 of my favorites . Our cruise to Belize, Honduras and Cozumel, you wore your brand new mini skort, remember (ha) the gentleman in the next cabin . . . Boy, he had his eyes on you ! I've NEVER seen you blush like that 😊 it was FAN TAS TIC. You lived out that dream of swimming with the dolphins and I had the privilege of sharing that dream. Thank you for that. Secondly - I will ALWAYS remember how you dedicated your time and love to the business, your *Happy Place* Pudgy's at Timbavati Wildlife Park. You gave me 7 years of joy, fun and laughter- and man o man- did we ear good or what? (You bet we did) Lastly . . The Klements hot dogs, everyday, EVERYDAY . . The dreaded addictive hot dogs (ha). Needless to say no hot dogs for us again till the next season began. To my INCREDIBLE friend Maris. . . You made me a better person, a geniune lifelong friend such as yourself gave me the ability to always be myself. YOU ARE THAT 1IN A MILLION ! Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I will never forget you ! God Bless you my friend, you left us way too soon . Love yaTracy (oh OK and Tom too) LOL*

Tracy Anderson - December 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Kathleen, I'm so very sorry for your loss. You cared so much for Maris and it showed in what you did for her. I know she appreciated it. Blessings to you in the days, weeks and months to come.*

Marilyn Martinez - December 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I've known Maris almost 50 years. She was always there for me no matter what. My favorite memory is her laugh. It would make me smile. She did love sports and it was fun to watch her when the Packers game was on. If they won she would call her brother Bob and say, "Go Packers". If they lost she would still call him. Because Maris was best friends with my sister Joyce I would have the opportunity to be with her a lot at family and church functions. Now that she is in heaven with Joyce and oh so happy it gives me I can't help but be a bit envious. Since I am still processing the passing of my husband Mo two weeks earlier from the covid I'm at a loss without Maris. I know she would be right there with me helping me through it and I truly feel the void. God bless you my dear friend. You will truly be missed but I will see you on the beautiful shore in heaven, and we will rejoice.

Marilyn Martinez - December 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ You have my deepest and sincere sympathy Bob and Marjorie and to your family also. We will all meet again some day. Hopefully soon. ❤️

Marilyn Martinez - December 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Maris spent many a wonderful holiday with Kathleen, David, Charles and me Add I'll "second that emotion" (brother Bob's) about that cheese torte - she was a master at baking it. Here's a photo from Thanksgiving 2008.

Carolyn Kott Washburne - December 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ *Maris was my sweet, loving sister. She loved life and all the people in her life, including many children. One thing for sure, she loved sweets whether it be candy, cookies, cake, or cheese tort (from our father's famous recipe). Her love of sports crossed all types and venues. Above all, Maris enjoyed being with family and friends. There are millions of memories that I have from the many times and places we spent together. I will miss her greatly.*

Kathleen Neville - December 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KV

“ My aunt Maris was a kind and gentle soul. She was an integral part of our family. If she could help it, she wouldn't miss an important holiday or gathering. She loved us (her nieces & her nephew and...her great nieces and nephew), but she also loved many other children immensely. I can't even think of how many children were her adopted nieces, nephews and grandkids. She loved each and every one of them so much. She would spoil them with little treasures from McDonalds or she would just cuddle. She spoiled Seth & Hope & Izzy with tons of presents and treasures each Christmas. Sometimes they would have 10-15 little things to open from her. She loved to make Christmas fun for the kids. Maris loved to read. She could read a few books a day if she wanted to. She also loved bowling and her bowling friends. She loved to travel and visit touristy sites. She loved God and her churches. She loved to do puzzles and knit. She loved us so much. I would never question whether my aunt loved me. I heard it in her tears every time she had to say goodbye. She loved her siblings and she loved Grandpa and Grandma. Maris was a caregiver for so many years. She lovingly took care of Grandpa until he was 93. I never heard her complain about it. Maris loved to collect dolphins-but not to confuse with the Miami sports team. Of course, Maris loved the Packers. She even got to go to a few games which were so special to her. She loved calling my dad after every game they won and yelling, "Go Packers!" Maris loved to shop! She would go to Walmart, the mall, Kohls, or JC Penney's any time you offered. She even used to collect thimbles and jewelry. She collected stuff! She loved stuff! However, Maris just left this earth earlier than any of us were hoping. She was a bright light of kindness and a warm smile to people all over. She had friends for over 50 years. She will leave a big hole in many of our hearts. She just was so nice and didn't say mean things to people. She was a peacemaker. She didn't make big waves of arguments. She would go with the flow and keep on loving you. She really was irreplaceable. We didn't want her to go. And I will miss you so much. I love you Aunt Maris-Kimberly

Kimberly Villacorta - December 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

“*MARIS* When thinking about Maris this scripture came to mind: Zephaniah 3:20 "The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save, He will take great delight in you with his love, He will rejoice over you with singing" An invitation to shop was never turned down by Maris. She loved it when we came to Wisconsin and suggested going to an outlet mall or any other shop! Of course with her skill at shopping and her love language of giving gifts her great enjoyment of giving gifts was appreciated by family, nieces and nephews and expanded family. Kathleen and I were blessed having a younger sister. She always thought of us and loved spending time with us. As a daughter who never married she always lived with our parents. After mother died in 1978 she and dad were constant companions. She was a wonderful caregiver for Dad as he aged, taking care of his needs and helping him in so many ways. Dad's love for Packers rubbed off on all the family extending even to those overseas and married or born into the family. Maris kept this love very much alive in everyone after he was gone. Did any team other than the Packers exist? She had chances to go to several games at Lambeau Field with friends. She even joined Bob who was directing a Senior Bus Trip at Lambeau to view the "hallowed" place! When it came to the game-We, Maris and family were cheerleaders. At the end of every game Maris or Bob would call and say "GO PACKERS" even when they didn't win! The baker's hat passed on from Dad to Maris! Dad had been famous for his cheese torte but as he got older the task fell into Maris' hands-and she could make it even better than he! Requests from friends and family kept her busy. We will all miss that talent of hers. One amazing opportunity she had was to swim with the dolphins. She loved her dolphin collection and it would be expanded by her family friends as was the collection of thimbles...even though she didn't sew! We all loved the kitchen dish rags she made. She even tried to teach her great niece how to knit. A good game and laughter bonded her to family, children and friends. You could count her in anytime there was a chance to enjoy fellowship in this way-chutes and ladders or Dummy Rummy or Hand and foot, whatever the game and whoever was willing had the blessing of Maris being part. She taught her nieces Cathi and

Kimberly the great truths from a Kenny Rogers Song "You got to know when to hold them or when to fold them" She was a great fan of Kenny Rogers. Putting together a jigsaw puzzle was another love she shared with the family. Her kind spirit made her a great person to be with children. Her great nieces, Hope and Isabelle and great nephew Seth loved to be with her as did Kira's children and grandchildren. We love you, MarisBob and Marjorie

Robert Fredricks - December 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MM

“*Having Known Maris for over 26 years, she held a very special place in Kira's and our children's lives. She was always there for our children, and was always willing to help us out. She love to bowl and love the Packers more. We had many conversations on how to improve the Packers team. One of my favorite memories, was when she asked me to be a sub on her bowling team, it was a big honor. I was very nervous, but soon fell into place with the team. We we laughed, which Maris love to do, we high fived each other, and cheered each other on, and all of us got upset with ourselves, (because it's bowling). It is a night I will cherish forever. You are dearly missed. Love you Moon*

Michael Malloy - December 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM