



## Marianne J Metivier

April 23, 1928 - January 9, 2023

On the morning of January 9, 2023, Marianne Johanna (Riebel) Metivier of Mount Holly passed away peacefully in her home at the age of 94, surrounded by family. Marianne was born in Alsfeld, Germany (Town of Grimms Fairytale, "Little Red Riding Hood") to parents Maria (Trebert) and Heinrich Riebel in 1928.

Marianne was a very athletic person; she was involved in track, gymnastics, swimming, and dance. She was a German champion handball player. She also survived WWII as a child in Germany.

Marianne worked at the Alsfeld Post Office as a telephone operator. This is where she met her husband, Arthur Metivier, an American soldier who served in the Army for 22 years. She moved to the United States in 1957 and became an American citizen.

She was a mother to four children who meant the world to her. She was very proud of their accomplishments. Over the years, she became very close with the families she worked with, and they became longtime friends. Marianne enjoyed gathering and celebrating with friends whom she considered her extended family. Anyone she welcomed into her home was thought of and treated like family.

Every morning Marianne would read her Burlington Times newspaper with her coffee and "butter bread." Many weekend mornings, friends and family would drop in for a visit, and she would sit and tell old stories.

Marianne was a boisterous sports fan who loved American football: her favorite team was the Pittsburgh Steelers. She was very involved in her children's events and was an honorary Mom to many teammates.

She loved life and was always adventurous. She loved going to Fort Dix to park on the tarmac and watch planes take off. She enjoyed watching the fireworks on Base and Mt. Holly. She loved going to the shore, swimming in the ocean, riding in boats, and sailing. She loved all sea creatures and other types of animals.

She made many trips by plane or car to see family and friends around the USA and Germany. As she got older, Marianne, Jean, and Meghan (The Three Amigos) went on many trips around the country. She also enjoyed going to Mt. Holly and St. Patrick's Day Parades. Rick, Austin, and Julia would take Marianne and Jean to see the Christmas lights, Halloween decorations, and Thanksgiving decorations in their vans.

Living life made her happy, especially having everyone over at her house for the Holiday events. The more, the merrier. She was delighted when Diane and her family could make it home from their different locations.

She also enjoyed singing during the Holidays both in English and German. She taught us all German children's songs.

We all loved Marianne's charming German accent and her adorable pronunciations, including poopin' pants (underwear), Great Dupont (Grey Poupon), lather (ladder), and Q-pons (coupons).

After retiring, Marianne became a full-time grandmother to Meghan, Austin, and Julia, who lived with her for many years. Marianne was a proud grandmother, great-grandmother, and honorary German grandmother to many who called her "Omi." She played many card and board games with all of us. She was always competitive.

Marianne loved her garden and flowers, spending many hours gardening and enjoying watching her grandchildren play in the family pool.

Marianne was an excellent cook and baker. She was fondly remembered for her delicious "crumb cake," plum cake, German Roladin, and many other German dishes. She always ensured that we were WELL FED and usually had homemade confections waiting for us afterward.

She was survived by her four children, Jean Deffler, Frank Metivier, Diane (William) Crowley, and Ricky (Sonya) Metivier. Grandchildren Thomas (Tamilyn) Crowley and five great-grandchildren, Paul (Laurie) Crowley, Meghan (Douglas) Fish, Kristin Crowley, Austin (April) Metivier, Julia Metivier, Christopher, and Matthew Metivier. Great-Grandchildren Kellan Crowley, Layna Fish, Erin Crowley, Liam Fish, Luke Metivier, and Amelia Metivier.

Survived by family members living in Germany - Klaus (Katrin and family) Riebel, Eva Riebel- Hofmann, Barbara Luer-Heidmann, Jan (Suzanna and family) Luer, Billa Luer.

USA family members - Rick (family) Grant, Steve (Elizabeth and family) Grant, Debbie Grant (Moon) and family, Carole Jones-Mathieu (family) and Charlie Jones (family), Douglas Kinney and family. Friends Eveline Chandler, Jenny Biggs (family), Joseph and Connie Aromando (family), Joan Maertin (family),

Marilyn and Robert Crowley, and many more.

She was predeceased by her late husband Arthur, older siblings Gustl (Helmi) Luer, Hedi (Karl) Konrad, Heinrich (Gisela) Riebel, Harold (Avis) Grant, Michael Luer, Jurgen and (Rita) Luer and her beloved dog Pepper.

She led by example, loving us all unconditionally. She will be sadly missed and will always hold a place in our hearts.

Relatives and friends are invited to a celebration of Marianne's life on Thursday, January 26, 2023. Visitation will be held from 10am - 12 Noon and a Memorial Service will follow at Noon. Burial will follow in the Mount Holly Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions in her memory may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children. <https://donate.lovetotherescue.org>

Join her service via zoom starting at 11:45 am

Perinchief Chapels is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Marianne J. Metivier Service

Time: Jan 26, 2023 11:45 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86718049491?pwd=eGxUNWhtM0g2NHc3MmF5NDR6NTJTdz09>

Meeting ID: 867 1804 9491

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# Cemetery Details

## Mount Holly Cemetery

Mount Holly Ave.  
Mount Holly, NJ

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 26. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels  
438 High Street  
Mt. Holly, NJ 08060  
(609) 267-0399  
info@perinchief.com  
<http://www.perinchief.com>

## Memorial Service

JAN 26. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Marianne J Metivier.



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January 24, 2023 at 06:32 PM



“ *I only remember meeting Marianne once in my life many decades ago but see from the lovely tributes that I would have very much enjoyed knowing her. Prayers, and best wishes to all from Dawn Kinney Garrott (Carole Mathieu's & Doug Kinney's sister).*

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**Dawn Kinney Garrott** - January 24, 2023 at 03:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Marianne J Metivier.



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January 23, 2023 at 05:41 PM

CA

“ *My dear friend of 65 years, I will miss you so much. We shared so many memories, laughs and good times and every time I think of you and feel sad, I will remember your laugh and toasts in German and raising our children together as neighbors in Mt Holly. I know you're at peace with my husband Joe, whom you shared many cups of coffee and conversations with at your home , as well. Please save me a place in Heaven , so we will once again be reunited and toasting together! All My Love, Connie Aromando & Family*



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**Connie Aromando** - January 23, 2023 at 04:21 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Marianne J Metivier.*



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January 23, 2023 at 04:14 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Marianne J Metivier.*



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January 23, 2023 at 04:02 PM

BC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bill Crowley - January 22, 2023 at 01:12 PM

BC

A very special woman whom I grew to love and allowed me the privilege of calling her "Mom"

Bill Crowley - January 22, 2023 at 07:02 PM

LP

“ I would visit her and she was always friendly and happy. Her children were friendly and happy that I came to visit. Rest in peace omi. God will you rest. 🙏 Amen

Laura price - January 20, 2023 at 08:35 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marianne J Metivier.



January 20, 2023 at 08:34 PM

JB

“ Marianne has been like a mother to me and always had my me in her heart. I will never forget what she did for me and my family. Rest in peace always. Love Wayne

Jenny W Biggs - January 20, 2023 at 06:59 PM

JD

*You were great friends that turned to family. You both went through many things together, always being ones supporting person. You will be greeted by many, but dearest Marianne, I will miss you greatly. Hugs and love be with you always, until we meet again. Love Jenny Biggs*

Jean Deffler - January 24, 2023 at 11:55 AM

JB

“ *Marianne has ben a true and dear friend to both my parents, which are now deceased, and to myself. She will be dearly missed and will always be in my heart. Rest in peace forever. Love Jenny*

Jenny W Biggs - January 20, 2023 at 06:50 PM

JM

“ *Omi and her four children* 🍷🌸



Julia Metivier - January 20, 2023 at 06:18 PM



“ *38 files added to the album Pictures of Omi*



Meghan Fish - January 20, 2023 at 10:16 AM