



Maria Dadlez

December 7, 1930 - April 18, 2018

A woman of unfailing love and unrelenting strength, Maria Dadlez passed away peacefully on April 18 at the age of 87.

She was born in Kolomyia, Poland on December 7, 1930, (before the WWII border shifts), to Franciszek Brink and Zofia Leligdowicz Brink. Due to the signing of the Nazi-Soviet Pact, she and her parents were among the over one million Poles, both Jew and Gentile alike, who were deported to regions such as Kazakhstan where they were forced into slave labor until their release in the fall of 1942. For the next six years, she lived in refugee camps in Iran and British India. She then traveled to Great Britain where she attended the University of Wales in Cardiff before marrying her husband, Mark in 1950. They immigrated to the United States soon afterwards, where they made their family and their lives and became American citizens in 1951. Maria was best remembered by friends and family as a staunch advocate of the right to life, the right to faith, and to family, and she showed this by belonging to such groups as The Sodality of Mary, Daughters of Isabella, Birthright International, Orchard Lake Ladies Auxiliary, and various pro-life groups with each parish she belonged to. Between the years 1976 and 1989 she did so while also building a career in Mary Kay Cosmetics, Inc; becoming a director after her first three years in the company. To everyone who knew her, she was a true symbol of great strength and courage.

Maria is survived by a large and loving family, including her husband of 67 years, retired Catholic Deacon Mark Dadlez; her seven children: Peter, Christopher and wife Eileen Dadlez, Anna and husband Terry Woodall, Thaddeus and wife Julie Dadlez, John and wife Shannon Dadlez, Paul and wife Kady Dadlez, Teresa and husband Mark Vandal; her brother-in-law and sister-in-law Thomas and Anna Dadlez of Michigan; her four nieces: Eva and her husband James Mock, Ola Dadlez, Dorothy and her husband Terry Stevens, their two sons Eric and Jacob Stevens and their families and Margaret O'Brien and her daughter Kristine; her nineteen grandchildren: Laura, her husband Joe Bird and their children Aubrey and Jameson, Nina Dadlez, her husband David Kleiman and their son Nathan, Alisa Woodall, Thomas Vandal and his fiancée Erica Day, Gregory and his wife Kristyn Dadlez, Luke Dadlez, Alana Dadlez, Vanessa Dadlez, Mariah Dadlez, Jude Dadlez, Eve Dadlez, Angela Dadlez, Molly Dadlez, Peter Dadlez, Zophia Dadlez, Michael Dadlez, Joseph Dadlez, Rose Dadlez, and Matthew Dadlez.

She is very much loved and she will be truly missed.

Calling hours will be held on Sunday, April 29 between the hours of 3:00 and 5:00 PM. at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Avenue West Hartford, Connecticut. The funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, April 30 at 10:00 AM at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, Connecticut. Burial will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Mary's Meals USA <https://www.marysmealsusa.org> or Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, 114 Woodland St. Hartford, CT 06105. Directions and online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery

1 Cottage Grove Rd.
Bloomfield, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

APR **29**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Mass of Christian Burial

APR **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle Church
872 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 233-8269

Tribute Wall

CG

“ *Maria, I miss you, your kindness and your wisdom every day. How I would like to talk to you again.*

Carol Gafford - September 16, 2021 at 03:17 PM

JG

“ *Our condolences to Mark and all the family. We were blessed to have shared many pleasant memories of Maria and Mark here in Rhode Island. She was an inspiration to all who knew her.*
Jean & Marshall Gillette

Jean Gillette - May 08, 2018 at 01:18 PM

SG

“ *Maria and my mother (Barbara Lombardo Wilson) were very good friends. They shared their families and their faith. Both women had 7 children and lived life to the fullest. Maria and Mark lived in my mother's home for several years as well. Our entire Lombardo family send prayers and deepest sympathy.*

Mrs. Susan Grande

Susan Grande - May 07, 2018 at 11:46 AM

BW

“ Sincere and heartfelt condolences to Mark and all the members of the Dadlez family. Maria was such a loving, caring and holy woman. She was always willing to help those in need, from unwed mothers to women seeking to look their best (Mary Kay Director & Beauty Consultant). We have missed her here in Rhode Island. God bless her eternal soul and God bless the family she leaves behind. Sending our love and prayers.

*Barbara & Kazimierz Wierzbicki
Providence, RI*

Barbara Wierzbicki - May 05, 2018 at 01:32 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Maria Dadlez.



April 27, 2018 at 10:14 PM

KF

“ Kenneth and Laurie Knowles and family. purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Maria Dadlez.



Kenneth and Laurie Knowles and family. - April 27, 2018 at 05:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Maria Dadlez.*



April 27, 2018 at 04:51 PM



“ *We remember Ciocia Rysia as someone who was always kind to us, who always gently asked children to share (even when, as little brats, they did not want to) and who tried to make peace among people at odds. These are virtues that should never be underestimated. She was a lovely, understanding person and the world will miss her. We are terribly sorry for your loss.*
Eva and Ola

Eva and Ola Dadlez - April 26, 2018 at 09:34 PM



“ *Teresa and family- Not having known your mom I can imagine what a beautiful and special woman she was based on all of your stories! Her picture is beautiful and I see the resemblance! May you find peace and comfort during this difficult time through all of your friends that surround you.*
Joan and Fran Guerrero
Mike, Haleigh, Liz , Matt,

Joan Guerrero - April 25, 2018 at 06:19 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Maria Dadlez.*



April 25, 2018 at 05:26 PM



“ *Though there were so many sweet, beautiful memories my mom and I shared; one of the best was when my mom and I shared my 13th birthday, just the two of us. She took me to my first art exhibit at the Milwaukee Museum of Art, and we had lunch together, then she took me to the drug store so I could purchase my first scent; it was a bottle of Jean Nate body spray, but to me it was the best thing in the world because I was growing up and my mom showed me she knew it too!*

Teresa Vandal - April 25, 2018 at 02:11 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Maria Dadlez.*



April 24, 2018 at 11:14 PM