



Marianne W. Stiem

April 20, 2018

Marianne Wilhelmina Stiem, age 90, died peacefully on Friday, April 20, 2018 in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Marianne and husband, Henry W. Stiem emigrated from Germany to Jamestown, North Dakota in 1955. After a few years, they moved to Hibbing, Minnesota where they raised their four children. When Henry passed away in August, 1996, Marianne moved into their cabin on Swan Lake where she lived as an independent and hardy woods woman for over 18 years. Her children, grandchildren and friends; her cruise ship journeys around the world; and her treasured Papillion dog "Furbie" were her greatest joys.

Marianne loved to entertain and hosted many soirees in her little cabin's "crow's nest".

Marianne was a voracious reader and an accomplished historian of sailing ships and their famous captains. She was an authority on mariners of yesteryear who set out to discover new worlds. As a German World War II survivor and occupant of a Danish Prison Camp on the Island of Fanø, Marianne had many stories and life experiences to share, and those who met her quickly became her friends. Marianne worked very hard in her life and built a rich life with meager means. She was a woman of great strength, character and wit.

Marianne is survived by her four children; Alexander Michael Stiem, Annette Ristina (Terry) Geiselman, Angelika Bennina (Lewis) Sotnick, Annemaria Katharina (Dale) Klobuchar; four grandchildren; Jacquelyn Geiselman, Nikole Geiselman, Philip Klobuchar, Brianna Sotnick; and daughter-in-law, Theresa Loscheider.

The family has decided on a private burial, but wishes to thank all the kind, wonderful friends who loved and cared for Marianne. Online condolences can be left on www.goesfuneralcare.com.

I am the albatross that awaits you
at the end of the world.
I am the forgotten soul of the dead mariners
who passed Cape Horn
from all the seas of the world.
But they did not die
in the furious waves.
Today they soar on my wings
towards eternity
in the last crack
of the Antarctic winds.

-Sara Vial
(Inscribed on a plaque at Cape Horn)

Tribute Wall



“ *Marianne W. Stiem*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



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alex stiem - May 03, 2018 at 11:53 PM



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alex stiem - May 03, 2018 at 10:41 PM

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alex - May 03, 2018 at 09:39 PM

CR

“ *Husband Neil worked with Henry in Hibbing, so we got to know both Henry and Marianne. We had many wonderful visits, in town and at Swan Lake. Marianne and I wrapped meat after the fellows cut up a bear one time and also helped out with them doing a moose for Mr. Nickoloff. Sending our sympathy to the entire family. Carol and Neil Rule*

Carol Rule - May 02, 2018 at 10:47 AM

AR

“ *I remember working with Marianne in the health food store, and moving her to the "cabin" after Selling her house in Hibbing. She was full of life and stories. She had so much energy. To this day I still have hanging on my wall a pencil drawing she gave me that I framed. She was a phenomenal woman. . Anita Raushel*

anita raushel - May 02, 2018 at 09:05 AM

CB

“ Your Mother was an amazing and unforgettable person. I have so many many memories of time spent out at Swan Lake over the summers. Your family holds a very dear place in my heart always. Our families were connected through art, work, and friendship. Know that I am thinking of you all and remembering your Mom. With my love and sympathy,
Carrie Maciej Benton

Carrie Benton - April 30, 2018 at 11:35 AM

CS

“ Dear Annette, I am so, so sorry to hear of your Mother's death. I know you worked very hard, with your whole heart and soul, to make her last years comfortable and joyful, along with much help from your husband and siblings. My thoughts and prayers are with you now as you move into your next phase of life without her physical presence, but with a lifetime of memories.

With love and best wishes,
Carol Story

Carol Story - April 30, 2018 at 11:23 AM

LS

“ Marianne was an inspiration. For most of the ten years I lifeguarded at the YMCA, she came in daily to swim laps. I admired her and missed her presence in the lane closest to the guard stand when she gave up the swimming. My condolences to the family.

Laurie Shepherd

laurie shepherd - April 29, 2018 at 02:14 PM

GM

“ Dear Alex I am truly sadden by the passing of your beloved mother. Your tales of your adventures together are forever etched in my memory. I hope your fond memories will bring you comfort during this difficult time

Gretchn Mayer - April 25, 2018 at 06:17 PM

WI

“ Condolences to Marianne's family and friends. I enjoyed many great conversations with Marianne assisting her research (Cape Horn, Kamchatka) at the Grand Rapids Area Library. A curious mind and unique wit! My favorite story: I was visiting Marianne at her home on Swan Lake (circa January 2011) and when I arrived she was on a ladder trying to get her cat out of the tree. She was a force of nature!

*Will Richter & Sara Gaalaas
Grand Rapids, MN*

Will - April 25, 2018 at 06:08 PM

GL

“ I was Marianne 's banker at Wells Fargo. Henry and Marriane started with me many years ago. The stories from Germany to her travels in Europe staying in hostel 's were always so interesting that I could listen to them for hours. Sorry for your loss. She will be in my memories forever.

Gayle Latendresse

Gayle (Sametz) Latendresse - April 25, 2018 at 01:42 PM

KR

“ To the family of Marianne,
Sorry for your loss, my husband work with your dad for years so we
did spend some time with them at the house and their cabin .
Your mom was enjoying her life and she will be missed.
Thinking of you in this time of your loss.
Ken & Kathy Rhodes

Ken & Kathy Rhodes - April 25, 2018 at 01:28 PM

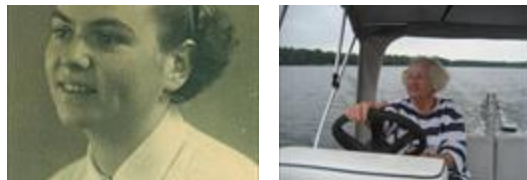
DC

“ Alex, Annette, Angelika and Annemarie
I am sorry to hear of your moms passing. There are so many
memories from our days growing up at the end of the block, that it
would take up all the space on this message board. Our families
had such great times together at the cabin when we younger and
your mom always made me feel part of your family. I am sure you
will miss her very much.
Dennis Cox

Dennis Cox - April 25, 2018 at 08:52 AM

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Goes Funeral Care & Crematory - April 24, 2018 at 11:11 AM