



Marie L. Garrett

October 20, 1953 - August 10, 2024

Marie Lewis Garrett, age 70, passed away peacefully on August 10, 2024, at her home in Newnan, GA, surrounded by her loving family, after a long battle with breast cancer.

Marie was born on October 20th, 1953 on Governors Island, New York, to Russell and Maria Lewis. Her parents met during WWII, and Marie was always proud of her father's distinguished military service. He retired as a Command Sergeant Major, and after his passing, Marie honored his memory by laying wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery, a tradition that held deep personal significance for her. She also cherished her mother's Austrian heritage, speaking fluent German and maintaining close ties with her European relatives.

Marie dedicated her life to public service. She earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia and went on to receive a Master of Science from Georgia State University's College of Public and Urban Affairs in 1985. Throughout her career, she played a pivotal role in planning, managing, and consulting on the development of several cities in the metro Atlanta region, including Alpharetta, Johns Creek, Canton, Milton, Stone Mountain, Powder Springs, Sandy Springs, Dunwoody, and Brookhaven. In her professional life she was an accomplished lobbyist, grant writer, liaison, and manager. She maintained the highest standards for excellence for her

projects. Her reputation was built on integrity. Marie's devotion to public service is best shown through her willingness to share her expertise. She taught management courses to the next generation of city leaders at both Reinhardt College and Georgia State University. Her completed projects reflect notable achievement at the local, state, and federal levels of government.

Above all, Marie was most proud of her family. She shared 46 wonderful years of marriage with her husband, Steve. A devoted wife and mother, she raised her three sons with a deep commitment to her Catholic faith, instilling values that have guided them throughout their lives. Her sons continue to honor her legacy through their careers in educational technology, teaching, and military service. Known as "Oma" to her grandchildren, Marie loved spending time with them. She enjoyed getting manicures and pedicures with Rachael and Julia, and feeding Grady's curious mind with conversations about how things work. Marie could often be found tailgating at Georgia football games, visiting European Christmas markets, hosting her family Christmas bowling party, and shopping for her grandkids' next pair of shoes or fabulous outfits. She took pride in being an excellent hostess, and she was well known for her hospitality. She relished travel, and especially her trips back "home" to be with family in Salzburg. Marie loved her friends and family dearly, and she will be deeply missed.

Marie is survived by her beloved husband, Steve, her three sons, Stephen (Monica), Zachary, and Matthew (Rebecca), her three cherished grandchildren, Rachael (10), Grady (8), and Julia (6), her sister, Ingrid (Bob) Speer, and her brother, Charles (Lisa) Lewis. She was preceded in death by her parents, Russell and Maria Lewis. Marie will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Marie's honor

to the following ministries:

St. Vincent de Paul, Saint George

771 Roscoe Rd. Newnan, GA 30263 <https://www.osvhub.com/stgeorgenewnan/giving/funds/svdp-st-george>

St. Vincent de Paul, Saint Jude

7171 Glenridge Drive

Sandy Springs, GA 30328 <https://judeatl.com/about/giving/egiving/svdpmemorial/>

Knitting / Prayer Shawl Ministry

Cathedral of Christ the King

2699 Peachtree Road NE

Atlanta, GA 30305

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
care@mckoon.com
<http://www.mckoon.com>

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Cathedral of Christ the King
2699 Peachtree Rd.
Atlanta, GA 30305

Tribute Wall

OD

“ Although I only had the opportunity to meet Marie Lewis Garrett once, it was clear from that brief encounter just how remarkable a person she was. Her warmth and kindness left a lasting impression on me. My deepest condolences go out to Zach and the entire family during this difficult time. May she rest in eternal peace, surrounded by the love she gave so generously in life.

Omar Delgado - August 19, 2024 at 03:12 PM

AO

“ Rip Mrs Garrett@ I'll always remember your high spirits and smile when walking by the desk at Meridian. Praying comfort for you Mr. Steve and family
Antonio oneal

Antonio oneal - August 14, 2024 at 10:25 PM

DB

“ Deborah Rendek Brown lit a candle in memory of Marie L. Garrett



Deborah Rendek Brown - August 14, 2024 at 10:11 PM

RS

“ She was an inspiration to all of us especially women. There was always a smile on her face and twinkle in her eyes. She and Steve shared her travels with all of us that brought back memories of our youth. Never a harsh word only respect to everyone. God has a beautiful angel in his presence.

Rose Stewart - August 14, 2024 at 08:38 PM

BM

“ *Betty Marcus lit a candle in memory of Marie L. Garrett*



Betty Marcus - August 14, 2024 at 02:35 PM

DF

“ *Donna Fitzpatrick lit a candle in memory of Marie L. Garrett*



Donna Fitzpatrick - August 13, 2024 at 09:56 PM

GG

“ *Rlp my friend! Gone too soon!! You will be missed!!!* ❤️🙏❤️

Ginger Gordy - August 13, 2024 at 09:27 PM

CK

“ *Chris Kelley lit a candle in memory of Marie L. Garrett*



Chris Kelley - August 13, 2024 at 08:33 PM

RD

“ Rodney Demesa lit a candle in memory of Marie L. Garrett



Rodney Demesa - August 13, 2024 at 07:30 PM

MH

“ I adore Marie !!! What a laugh ...a jewelry lover ...book reader extraordinaire ...gardener and friendbut, most of all a fierce lover of her familysending my best to you and the family during this time of sadness

Merle Hakes - August 13, 2024 at 07:00 PM

AD

“ Stephen, I am so sorry for your loss. Her smile & enthusiasm was so infectious, we really enjoyed watching you and Ben in the church band.

Ann Doherty - August 13, 2024 at 06:30 PM

LE

“ I remember when Marie and I lived I. Mannheim, Germany. We were friends for about a year before I moved away. I am so sorry for your loss of this wonderful lady. I know she will be missed.



Letha - August 13, 2024 at 05:21 PM

DG

“ Steve thinking of you in this time of need



Dorsey Gray - August 13, 2024 at 05:12 PM

GG

“ Ginger Gordy lit a candle in memory of Marie L. Garrett



Ginger Gordy - August 13, 2024 at 05:11 PM

SM

“ Sandra Massell lit a candle in memory of Marie L. Garrett



Sandra Massell - August 13, 2024 at 05:08 PM

SG

“ Stephen Garrett lit a candle in memory of Marie L. Garrett



Stephen Garrett - August 13, 2024 at 03:47 PM

DF

“ Marie and I met in college in 1971 and became friends for life. We did everything together and classmates called us “the shadows!” My other friends recently told me that a day did not go by without a Marie memory or story. We were so close for 53 years. Now I will carry her in my heart always and keep her close beside me. Love to her precious husband, Steve and her sons, Stephen, Zach, and Matthew.

Donna Fitzpatrick - August 13, 2024 at 11:36 AM

BB

“ Marie was such a dynamic and inspirational woman! Years ago, she breathed life into a sleepy town, just north of Atlanta. The "seeds of progress" she planted so long ago, truly thrived and were cultivated by her selfless commitment, energy & vitality in creating the foundation of a wonderful place to live, work & play! Her legacy lives on in the beautiful City of Alpharetta. I, along with many, many others feel it was an honor to work with her, to be inspired by her many talents, her zest for life, her strong faith, her love & commitment to her family and friends. Marie, you truly were a Blessing to so many here on earth, now enjoy your Blessings in Heaven.

*Forever Grateful,
Betty-Ann Busby*

Betty-Ann Busby - August 13, 2024 at 10:05 AM