



May-Lis Foster

January 4, 2013

May-Lis Viitasalo Foster went to dance with fireflies and float with Butterflies in Heaven on January 4, 2013. She went to water paint our sunsets and other angelic task for God.

She was one of five children born to Yuri and Erma Viitasalo on May 17, 1932 in Viitasalo Finland. In 1950 she moved to the United States from Helsinki Finland. She was an active member at the Gardner United Methodist Church in Hot Springs. Mrs. Foster was a featured artist at Dryden Pottery for many years, she also worked at the Arlington Hotel for over twenty years, she was a talented artist drawing pictures of people which she loved to visit and share stories.

May-Lis was a mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and friend who will be missed greatly. She is predeceased by her parents; brother, Kyostti Viitasalo and sister, Annalis Drotman.

She is remembered by her son and daughter-in-law, Dean and Carla Foster; five grandchildren, Elijah Foster, Casey Foster, Kelsey Foster, Haley Foster and Sydney Foster; sisters, Rita and Evalis and many friends.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, January 11th at 11:00 AM in the chapel at Hot Springs Funeral Home with Pastor Mark Williams officiating.

Tribute Wall

JT

“ *May- Lis blessed my life in so many ways. I will always be grateful for her friendship. God bless you and I will miss you. Love, John*

John W. Taylor - January 12, 2013 at 03:11 PM

EI

“ *Dear family: I knew May-Lis years ago when we both belonged to an organization for single parents called Parents Without Partners. She was a bright spot in every event we attended with our sons (I had 4 , she had 1). Our sons knew each other from Lake Hamilton School. She will always be remembered for her bright outlook on life, and the many friends she left behind.*

Edythe Irwin-Edwards - January 10, 2013 at 11:26 AM

KF

“ *my grandmother was a symbol of strength. moving to the U.S. and not knowing a lick of english was such a courageous move, but i wouldn't have expected anything less. she has taught me to go out and take initiative. do what your heart desires in life, and dont let anyone stop you. i will miss those nights of staying over and hearing my grandmother tell my siblings and me stories when we were younger, visiting her at the arlington and grabbing lunch at "grandma's restaurant," and hanging out at her house, watching movies because she didnt have cable. nothing could replace my memories with my grandmother. forever in my heart, i love you, grandma.*

kelsey foster - January 10, 2013 at 10:51 AM

DF

“ *MayLis was a one of a kind lady. She was a strong and self reliant woman. She wasn't one to mince words and always said what she felt. Although sometimes her Finnish to English translations got her in trouble or got her a big laugh. She loved family and friends and was never one to be absent of a smile. And she would always make sure you knew what she meant bc at the end of a statement she would look at you and say "Right"! ? ! You will be missed and I promise to take care of your "lil boy ". Lovu , Carla*

dean foster - January 09, 2013 at 06:07 PM

MW

“ *Your mother sounded like a awesome person that I wish that I had known. My heart and prayers go out to you and Carla and the rest of of the family. Thank you for trusting me for handling the arrangments for your mom. God bless you.*

Mandy White - January 09, 2013 at 02:37 PM

TH

“ *I loved Mae Liz, we worked together at the Austin Hotel way back when, and I went to south padre with her a long time ago. we had a great time. she was a hoot!!painting pictures of the beach and the bartender where ever we went. I will miss her.*

tammy harris - January 09, 2013 at 01:55 PM

DF

“ *What an amazing and wonderful person may-lis or Maikku as her family called her. Full of color full of life most all the fotos i have shes laughingShe was colorful vibrant outspoken magical.Life with her was an alice in wonderland adventure Theres a story of footprints in the sand as the lord walks or carries you through life. I know the single pair of footprints on my sandbeach are my mom as she tried to carry me often.I will and do miss your smile tour laugh your voice. Our adventures and irreplaceable one of the kind you. Thanks for being my mom*

dean foster - January 08, 2013 at 03:06 PM

CB

“ *I loved May Lis more than I can even say. She was a special person. She knew me since I was born. She always there with advice when I needed it. She made the best warm milk for me when it was time to go to bed. I will remember her always with love. she was a treasure. I send all of my thoughts and wishes to her family.*

Cathie Bergfels-Brown - January 07, 2013 at 02:28 PM

CF

“ *Rest in Peace Grandma, love you alwaysCasey*

Casey Foster - January 07, 2013 at 12:25 PM