



Mrs. Maria Gavigan

October 22, 1952 - September 10, 2013

Maria Rusanovsky-Gavigan, known affectionately to her family and friends as Masha, was born in New York to parents Filip and Natalia Rusanovsky. Masha and her older sister Irina were raised by a single parent after their father passed while the children were young. Her mother sacrificed for her beloved girls, sending them to the finer schools in New York, immersing both in the Russian and French culture in preparation for a better life. But Masha's life was not easy, and her younger years' experiences colored the rest of her life. At 18 years of age, she gave birth to her only daughter, Natasha (Natalie) and at 20 years of age, she moved to Florida to find a better life for them both. There she met her husband in 1974, handsome Irish retired Air force flight engineer and local postman Alfred Gavigan, Jr. They were together almost 30 years until he passed in 2003. She worked her way up to become a Staff Accountant at Palm Beach County Airports, being a wiz with numbers and having an incredible eye for detail.

Masha had an eye for beauty and a passion for helping others, even when she herself was struggling with chronic illness. She is survived by her daughter Natasha Rusanovsky, granddaughter Kaitlyn Moore, mother Natalia Rusanovsky (aged 89), sister Irina Malichek (Alexander Shatalov), nephew Alexander (Sasha) Malichek (Cristina) and their daughter Sofia, and niece

Katerina Shatalov, all living in the Northeast. She is also survived by step-sons Leslie Gavigan (Beth Ann) and John Criss, along with a large extended in-law family in Massachusetts. Lastly, she leaves behind many loving friends and those whose lives she touched.

She will be missed and never forgotten!

Arrangements are entrusted to DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory, 9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, Florida 32751. (407) 695-CARE(2273).

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **21**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Episcopal Church of the Resurrection
251 E. Lake Brantley Drive
Longwood, FL 32779

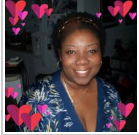
Tribute Wall

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“ *Mary Krems lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Maria Gavigan*



Mary Krems - November 17, 2013 at 03:39 PM



“ *My name is Monique Crichton-Pottinger I worked with Masha (Maria) for five years at the Palm Beach County Department of Airports. Masha was one of most beautiful and caring woman I know she had taken to me and I to her. I will miss you my good friend rest in peace.*
GOODBYE TO YOU MY DEAR FRIEND



*Goodbye to you my dear friend,
But I will see you again.
Though we must part for awhile,
There's a reason for a smile.*

*Since our hope is in the Lord,
Not what the world can afford,
The joys of heaven we will share
With the saints and angels there.
We will walk the streets of gold
Where there's beauty that's untold
And behold the glorious face
Of Him Who saved us by His grace!*

~ Perry Boardman

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Love always and forever

Monique Pottinger - September 12, 2013 at 09:16 AM

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“ *Rest in Peace, my dear Masha! You are sorely missed...*

My dear sister, we had a lot of unfinished business, my love. You fought bravely, but our Merciful God had other plans for you. You are now in a better place with our Father, grand-parents and the rest of the departed family members who will look after you. We love you, you will never ever be forgotten! Everyone here will be looked after, do not worry. We are all together. It is very hard for me to accept this....will never be able to get used to this. With love and many regrets of what could have been...

IRA



IRINA MALICHEK (RUSANOVSKY) - September 11, 2013 at 06:44 AM

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To a very dear friend, that I had the pleasure of meeting during my first tour in the military. We met, since we were now neighbors, and she greeted me with such friendship that could never be forgotten. We cherished so many fond memories, Al, her husband would be there and Masha and I would sit in front of the tv with some game called something with a "Z" and the little thing was green, on a Friday night. We would be glued and say to each other, "You don't have to go out to enjoy the quality that we have at that very moment" Now, that is PRICELESS. Masha would have loved the Butterfly and in my heart, she is very much missed and I am very sad for waiting too late to contact her.

Mary Krems - November 17, 2013 at 03:33 PM

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Irina, my name is Mary, I would like to talk with you if I may, my numbers are home : 850 215 1505, my cell is 850 866 5044. I am so very sorry for your loss of your sister. She was a very dear friend and I am so sorry, I was not able to be there nor share with her on the latest.

Mary Krems - November 17, 2013 at 03:36 PM