



Maria Grace Linkhart

December 9, 1950 - January 11, 2025

Maria Grace Linkhart, age 74, of Easley, South Carolina passed away at home surrounded by family, on Saturday, January 11, 2025.

Maria was born on December 9, 1950, in Newark New Jersey, to the late Philip Mistretta II and Joan Mary Mistretta.

Maria was formerly of La Ribera, BCS Mexico. She loved the beach. She was a master leatherworker; reinventing herself by creating her own business called XOM Bags, at the age of 60. She was generous, loving, and had many friends whom she loved dearly.

Maria is survived by her loving husband of 50 years, Steven V. Linkhart; daughter Stacey Conway, son in law Ron Conway; two sons Seth Linkhart and Steven Linkhart; sister Christine Twiss, brother-in-law Mike Twiss; and fur babies Tanner, Julie, Lulu, Sophia, Fiona, and Pepe.

Palmetto Cremation Service is assisting the family.

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



gary p - December 09, 2025 at 11:11 PM

“ January 22, 2025

Dear Maria's Steve, Stacey & Ron, and Seth:

I attempted to write this letter days ago, but had difficulty finding my words. I want to tell you that all will be fine and you will be back to yourselves in no time, but I can't. I cannot think of anything worse than losing my Mom.

Stacey and Ron: You know in your heart of hearts that you did everything humanly possible for her all the while not knowing how long you would be in that role. It was very loving of you, and brave, too. I promise you that this will comfort you in the years ahead. Steve and Seth: If I had asked her what she wanted those last months, she would have said having all of you together I know it's incredibly difficult to watch someone you love in that condition. It takes an abundance of love and courage.

Her legacy will be shared and talked about amongst all of you in the years ahead. She obviously did a fabulous job with you two kids. Seth, she passed on her love of the ocean to you and she always spoke of you with such love - like you were still her baby. Stacey, amongst many other things, she passed on her work ethic, generousness, and recently, her leather working skills to you. Ron, the urn is "exquisite" (a word Maria would use often) and she would love it. Steve, we talked the other day about her being hands on and totally involved from start to finish on so many projects - she was a natural in that role. Paul should be so lucky! And 50 years with that incredible woman!

I am barely scratching the surface. In fact, when I would type a letter of this kind, I would email to Maria to proof - she was so smart, too.

Paul and I are so, so sorry and our hearts go out to all of you. Our wish for all of you is that with each passing day that the huge hole in your heart will be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times and the love you all shared.

Sending our deepest love and condolences to all of you, Diane & Paul 💕🕊

Diane Harpainter - February 02, 2025 at 02:05 PM

FV

“ *My condolences to Steve, Stacey and all of Maria’s family and friends.*

I am so sad to hear about Maria and it breaks my heart. She was such a fun, creative, smart and loving person. I will miss her so much and all of the fun times we had working and spending together outside of work.

I won’t say good bye as it is too hard , so I will say till we meet again. Xoxo Flo

Flo Viveros - January 27, 2025 at 04:57 PM

SS

“ Lord, I'm so glad I know Maria is with You now... free of all the trouble her body was giving her... and I thank You that I WILL see her again in Eternity. She was my first real friend when my family moved to the Bay Area, Shoreview in San Mateo. We were 10 years old, but turned 11 together that year, 1961. She, and her family, were crucial in my life. Her mom & dad treated me like their own (disciplining me when I needed it, and loving me up when I needed that, too). Her sisters, Christine & Joanie were precious girls... and her younger brothers Frankie & Paul were always sweet... even in teasing me for being a little redhead 😊. I spent most of my time in their home, as it was a respite, retreat, and sanctuary for me at that time in my life. I will be forever grateful to my Maria for loving, blessing, encouraging, comforting and making me laugh during those years. We were MOTOWN girls music-wise! She was the most tender, patient, kind, compassionate friend (with a great sense of humor) I ever knew. We lost touch for some years when her family moved to another State (Ohio? New Jersey?) in our high school days. But reconnected many times over the years. She stayed at my house when in the area, and we laughed & cried together. Always full of love for each other. She will be missed until we see each other again in Heaven. Until then, I will enjoy thinking about our days together, and our forever time to come in Eternity with our Lord & Savior, Jesus. P.S. Lord, please give Maria a kiss for me ❤️

Shelley Graham Siragusa - January 27, 2025 at 12:32 PM

DF

“ *Maria was my Dear Sweet friend. I know she has a special place in heaven because of her kindness and the sweet person she was. We always looked forward to our girls day out for lunch. Our families shared so many wonderful holidays and birthdays together. We lean so much on those we love. When they are gone the emptiness is devastating. My heart is broken. I love you Maria!*

Debi Folgner

Debi Folgner - January 24, 2025 at 03:55 PM

MO

“ *Mary Osolin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Grace Linkhart.*

Mary Osolin - January 21, 2025 at 03:45 PM

LC

“ *She will always have a place in my heart. She always came into the cancer institute and made me smile. No matter how bad she felt she always joked around with me in the office. I will miss her beautiful smile and warm hugs. Keeping everyone in my prayers.*

Lisa

Lisa Conroy - January 20, 2025 at 03:16 PM

RL

“ *My deepest condolences for the passing of a beautiful, talented, amazing woman. I have nothing but warm memories of her in the short time we spend together.*

May God comfort you all in this difficult time.

rosy lozano - January 20, 2025 at 02:44 PM

SH

“ She was my best friend for 50 years. We supported each other. We cried and laughed. We shared our memories over a glass of wine. My heart will eventually heal but for now it remains broken. I miss her so much. She promised to save a seat for me next to her with our heavenly father. I love you Maria.

Sherry - January 20, 2025 at 12:54 PM

SJ

We loved Maria and will miss her deeply. I know she is smiling looking down from her heavenly home. We will see you and know we have a Guardian Angel smiling upon us. Love Stacy and Sean

Sean and Stacy Jordan - January 20, 2025 at 12:59 PM

SJ

My dear friend Maria. You will be missed here on earth, but feel a relief you are no longer in pain. I will never forget all our talks, the beautiful things you made for me and for being the reason we were able to move to Mexico. We will miss greatly seeing you sit on your bench looking at the ocean with a glass of wine in your hand. You were one of a kind and were loved so very much. Please watch over us and we will see you again in heaven. We love you Maria.

Stacy Jordan - January 20, 2025 at 01:09 PM