



## Lisa Safford

December 17, 1951 - December 2, 2018

On Sunday December 2, 2018 Marilisa Frigo Safford (Lisa), loving wife and mother, passed away at the age of 66. Lisa was born December 17, 1951 in Verona, Italy to Livio Hermes Frigo and Dolores Ernestina Guarnieri. Lisa resided in Bullard, Texas, at Eagles Bluff C/C. A Requiem Mass will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Flint, Texas. Father James Rowland will be officiating with assistance from Father Tim Kelly. Visitation is scheduled from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 7, 2018 with a Rosary following at 7:00 p.m. in the Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler, Texas.

Lisa was surrounded by family as she left us to return to our Heavenly Father. Lisa never gave up her fight with cancer, as she was so full of life, always smiling and sharing her positive energy with everyone. She will be dancing in heaven with the angels.

Lisa was a member of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Flint, Texas. She was also a Board Member of Crystal Ballroom Dance Club, Board Member of The East Texas Symphony Orchestra, President for 2 years of the Tyler Executive Women's Network, member of The Women's Symphony League, member of The Palestine Community Action Fund, Women's Fund of Smith County, Harvey Women's Club in Palestine, Member of Tyler Civic

Theater, and a member of Rotary International.

She graduated from SHAPE American High school in Mons, Belgium in 1968, and studied Foreign Languages at Institut Libre Marie Haps Bruxelles, in Brussels, Belgium. Lisa began her career as an interpreter for SHAPE in Mons, Belgium, speaking French, English, German and Italian. Before Lisa passed, she held the position of Executive Vice President, Financial Planner with UBS Financial Services.

Lisa was preceded in death by her mother Dolores Ernestina Stuckert; her father, Livio Hermes Frigo; and her step-father, Walter Paul Stuckert. She is survived by her loving family including her grateful and loving husband, Ron; her daughter, Stephanie Birk and husband Troy; her son, David Stanton and wife Danielle; and step-daughter, Michelle Safford. Grandchildren include Ross Rampy, Scout Birk, Sophia Stanton, CJ and Isabella Rokitta, and Jonathan Keck. Lisa is also survived by her sisters, Gretel and Katherine Stuckert of Brussels, Belgium.

Pallbearers will be Mike Sabota, Zach Sabota, Troy Birk, Ross Rampy, Roy Stark, and Nicklas Aherns. Honorary pallbearers will be Knights of Columbus.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her name to East Texas Symphony Orchestra, 107 E. Erwin St., Tyler, TX 75702; Women's Fund of Smith County, 4908 Hightech Dr., Tyler, TX 75703; The Palestine Community Action Fund, P.O. Box 1756, Palestine, TX 75802; and The American Cancer Society, 1301 S. Broadway, Tyler, TX 75701.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Rosary

DEC 7. 7:00 PM (CT)

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7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
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## Requiem Mass

DEC 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church  
18221 FM 2493  
Flint, TX 75762  
(903) 894-7647

# Tribute Wall

MH

“ Lisa was a very nice helpful friend to me and my children during 1977 til 1981 in Palestine, Tx.. I will never forget when I was around my 60year birthday celebration, she came just for a short visit for me and my daughter to see us from Tylor to Palestine, Texas. I will never forget her helpful loyal kindness  
Margarete Hartjes

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**Margarete Hartjes** - March 02 at 04:59 PM

CN

“ Lisa was a wonderful person and a good friend. If you were Lisa's friend, you were a friend for life, and she would do anything for her friend. What a loss to us all, especially for Ron, David and Stephanie and the extended family, friends and co-workers.

*With my love and admiration and prayers,*

*Charlie Nichols*

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**Charlie Nichols** - December 08, 2018 at 09:28 AM

BB

“ Lisa Safford was a bright shining star for the East Texas Symphony both our board and our orchestra with Conductor Richard Lee. She was always thinking of someone who would enjoy hearing the concert and attending --or someone who would be interested in helping support the Symphony in various communities surrounding the Tyler area. Lisa's caring spirit, thoughtfulness and genuine human interest in many persons in various walks of life was an unusual capacity --especially for someone to come from another country -Italy --to take to heart the American spirit of giving and love. Her post of beautiful flowers on so many notes was enjoyed by many. Also her kind notes and calls to inquire if things were "working out!" Our sorrow is that her life was certainly cut much too short for all the love and concern for others that she evidenced. We shall miss Lisa's spirit of :Let's do it!" and "How can I help?" --our prayers are for her family, her children, for Ron -such a loving patient husband and partner! Our Loss is great, her reward for her life lived in harmony and love surely is her shining star in heaven! Lisa --our board will not be the same without your presence! Betty Bower, ETSO chair.

Betty J. Bower - December 07, 2018 at 05:22 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lisa Safford.



December 07, 2018 at 04:27 PM

ER

“ Ron, we were so saddened to hear about Lisa. We are thinking of you and pray for the family at this time. Bob and Ellen Ray

Ellen Ray - December 07, 2018 at 04:17 PM

MS

“ When I was nervous about giving birth to my first child, Lisa and I had a heart to heart conversation that reaffirmed my faith that everything would be more than okay. She shared with me intimate details of her personal experience giving birth to her firstborn and the surge of love she felt the moment he was born. She then said, just when she thought she could not possibly love someone as much as she loved her child, her daughter was born and her capacity to love grew even more. Her words brought tears to my eyes. Lisa’s love radiated everywhere she went and filled the hearts of everyone around her. If everyone was like Lisa, the world would be a better place.

Monica Stark - December 07, 2018 at 04:10 PM

SH

“ Lisa and a group of girls were heading to canton Mississippi for the large flee market..we were singng you don't own me and then I realized she had driven through every red light. I was in the front seat and was amazed we made it safely..was a fun trip for several days...what happened in canton stayed in canton..too many wonderful memories..a treasure she was and will always be close in my heart. Lord bless her family and dear friends. Sharon grizzle

sharonanngrizzle - December 06, 2018 at 11:37 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lisa Safford.



December 06, 2018 at 11:44 AM

JS

“ *Joi and Gary Smith purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Lisa Safford.*



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**Joi and Gary Smith** - December 05, 2018 at 03:07 PM

MB

“ *Mitch and Chris Brewer purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Lisa Safford.*



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**Mitch and Chris Brewer** - December 05, 2018 at 11:24 AM

LB

“ *I love my Lisalisa...Longtime friends. Many,many unforgettable memories...  
SWISH SWISH. Sparkle*

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**Linda Jean Brown** - December 04, 2018 at 09:06 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lisa Safford.*



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December 04, 2018 at 07:30 PM

BP

“ I met Lisa in the late 1990's and she has been a dear friend ever since. She always brightened my day and always seemed to know when I needed her. She will always live in my heart. God truly has a special angel and I know she will watch over all of us who love her.

Barbara Pounds - December 04, 2018 at 06:39 PM

MD

“ I remember going to dinner with Ron and Lisa and then watching them dance. What a wonderful couple. So much love 💕💕

marge devereaux - December 04, 2018 at 06:34 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lisa Safford.



December 04, 2018 at 06:11 PM

IB

“ Lisa was a friend of mine and will be dearly missed. Her smile and radiant personality was one of a kind.

Irmgard Barker - December 04, 2018 at 05:07 PM

KP

“ Lisa was a very special person. I did not know her for a long period, but she was always upbeat and made me proud to be around her. She will truly be missed. " Great Lady "

*Kay Peltier*

Kay Peltier - December 04, 2018 at 04:27 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lisa Safford.*



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December 04, 2018 at 12:06 PM



“ *I worked in the same building with Lisa and met officially in 2008. Since that time she has been a wonderful friend, and confidant. When she entered a room her aura was pure sunshine. Nona Burke*

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**Nona Burke** - December 04, 2018 at 09:11 AM



“ *A beautiful lady. Inside and out. Lisa will be missed for sure. I'm thankful I had the privilege to work with her on the TEWN board and always enjoyed her company.*

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**Lisa St. Mars** - December 03, 2018 at 08:43 PM



“ *Marilisa was a long time dear friend to so many. Ron, Stephanie, and David can always be proud of the wife and mother you had the pleasure of sharing with the world. She had an impact on so many. She encouraged the relationship and eventual marriage of Ruth and I when we worked together back in the 1970's. Her positive impact on those that have known her will be cherished forever. A great loss of a special lady. Ruth and Dan Davis*

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**Dan Davis** - December 03, 2018 at 05:59 PM

RM

“ Lisa was a dear friend from Tyler Executive Women's Network. I got to know her through TEWN and treasured her friendship. She always had a bright smile and an uplifting word to share. She was supportive and encouraging. I will miss her very much.



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**Rene McCarty** - December 03, 2018 at 05:20 PM