



# Mary Meinke

JAN 5, 1920 - MAR 29, 2012



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**W**e the family of Mary Meinke celebrate our Mother, Oma, Sister and Friend as she passed to her eternal life on March 28, 2012. She gently moved to her new life in the presence of her daughter Iris and family members and loving caretaker, Tilila Pita. She leaves behind many who love her and especially her daughter and son in law, Iris and Al, her son Art and Nestor, her granddaughter Jenny and husband Joe, plus new great grandchild Rafaella, and grandson Justin. We are especially thankful for the lifetime friendship and caring of Gerry and Alex Brender a Brandis, who in Mary's final days showed extraordinary love and compassion. Mary was born in Purwokerto, Indonesia on January 5, 1920. Her life was one of sacrifice and sharing as she was put in situations that challenged her. In Indonesia she was interned during the Second World War, and the Indonesian Revolution. She started a new life in San Mateo, California, where the family immigrated to in 1960, adjusting to a new way of life and culture. In Indonesia she taught at grammar schools, designed and made clothing, and did some modeling work. She was an excellent tennis player and a good bridge player with her friends. In San Mateo she worked with the California Highway Patrol, the San Mateo Juvenile Hall and retired from San Mateo County. In her retirement years she took the opportunity to travel around the world, often with her sisters and along the way was able to visit Singapore, Hawaii, Brazil, Florida and many other places. Mary was a woman devoted to her Catholic faith and made a point of attending church wherever she visited. At home she surrounded herself with articles of faith that comforted and strengthened her. All of us who have had the opportunity to share time with Mary will surely miss her positive attitude, her love and respect for all, and her loyalty to her family and friends. Mom, we will always have you in our hearts and minds. and as we miss, you we will always feel your love and influence.



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Ã?Ã? Ã?Ã?» jerseys china Replicas on the other hand are way cheaper than those authentic onesÃ?  
Ã? Ã?Ã?»Ã?Ã? The Seahawks are expecting Wilson the son of former NFL fullback Timothy Wilson to  
play plenty this season Perhaps 10-cylinder Method One kart engines and its incredible  
capabilities ring bells to you now!Want pinpoint control over the pace of your go-kart No problem  
here! Go-karts have simple transmission systems with gears that control pace to its desired  
amount##imported-begin##PlettePoews##imported-end##

December 9 at 5:37 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Iris,Al,Diana,david and i wanted to extend our sincere condolences for your loss with your mother,  
grandmother, mother-in-law. i had the brief opportunity to meet your mother at my mother's ( Vera  
Meinke) in Mobile, Ala. I did not spend much time and am notorious for not being in active  
communication.We have had the great pleasure of visiting with Iris, Al and Diana and in the late,  
late past with Evert. Knowing them and from stories told me by my sister, Thea, i am certain that  
you were a lantern to many feet and a lighthouse to those seeking warmth.This is comforting to  
realize that choices are indeed and human intent.Thank you for allowing me to participate in a  
puzzle of a dynamic history in which we recognize our own parts.i will keep you in my daily  
recollections for those who have run the good race and those still in the running. " and He will  
raise you up.....!"until the time, "stand firm". jane and david davolt##imported-begin##jane  
meinke and david davolt##imported-end##

April 5 at 9:41 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Iris, Al, Diana,David and i wanted to extend our sincere condolences with the loss of your mother  
and grandmother,mother-in-law.I had the brief opportunity to meet Tante Mary at my mother's ( Vera)  
house in Mobile. I did not spend much time then and am notorious for not keeping active  
communication.We do know Iris and Al and met with Diana. much earlier in the years we visited  
with Evert. Our visits with them and from stories from my sister, Thea, i am certain that you were a  
lantern to many feet and a lighthouse to those needing warmth. This is most comforting to realize  
that choices are indeed a human intent.Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the puzzle  
of a dynamic history. i will remember you in my daily recollections of those who have run the good  
race. "...and He will raise you up..."jane and david davolt##imported-begin##jane meinke and  
david davolt##imported-end##

April 5 at 9:25 AM



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Iris, Al, Diana and Mary's family, David and I wanted to extend our sincere condolences for your great loss with the end of a journey with Tante, Mom Grandmother Mary. I had the brief opportunity to meet Tante Mary at my mother's (Vera's) house in Mobile. I did not know as I am poor in keeping communications. I have had the great pleasure of meeting Iris and Al, and in the past meeting with Evert. Knowing them and from stories from my sister Thea, I am certain that you were indeed a lantern to many feet in the dark and a lighthouse to those seeking warmth. I want to let you know that I will include you in my daily recollection of all those who have run the good race and expect to meet up once again when the time comes. Thank you for allowing us to participate in the puzzle pieces of a dynamic history. Take care, Jane and David##imported-begin##Jane Meinke and David Davolt##imported-end##

April 5 at 9:10 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Tante Mary & Iris, Although I have met both of you only once, you have left an indelible mark on my heart. Peace to you. I hope to be more communicative, Iris & if ever you want to just talk, call me.##imported-begin##Mary Meinke Baumgarten##imported-end##

April 5 at 8:48 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Art, Iris and family, you have been strong in my thoughts all day as you take the final journey in this life with your wonderful, incredible mother, aunt, grandmother, friend. She will be with you in spirit everywhere you go until you meet again in another place. I wish you peace and comfort as you remember all the years of laughs and smiles. With love.##imported-begin##Barb Brindle##imported-end##

April 4 at 3:22 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My condolences to your family. My husband passed away from cancer 2 years ago, and I know it is tough. You are in my prayers. I haven't seen you in years, but Ronny keeps me updated. I only got the info about the service today, so I cannot attend. Joyce van Velthuysen##imported-begin##Joyce Sarkisian##imported-end##

April 4 at 10:28 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

To me she will always be Mevrouw Meinke; was never able to get passed the Mevrouw. It's been an amazing 50 years since our families first met and we have all had our own journeys with Mary. I will always remember her kindness, generosity and concern for myself and all the friends that came into her life. I know her as an athlete, a chef, a seamstress and so much more. She will be missed dearly, but in my heart I know we will all see each other again. There will always be a special place in my heart for her. My Dear Iris, Art and family, I feel your pain and sorrow, but you will always have an ANGEL watching over you.##imported-begin##Trude##imported-end##

April 3 at 4:18 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Iris and family: My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. It is wonderful that your Mother was able to stay in her home during her illness with her family and friends gathered around. I am sure this brought peace to her to be home when she passed. May you all find comfort that you carried out her wishes. Just remember what a wonderful loving person she was. And have fond memories of her beautiful smile! Love, Jan##imported-begin##Janice Cookson##imported-end##

April 3 at 1:35 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. What a wonderful life she lived. Love, Jasmin##imported-begin##Jasmin Castelle##imported-end##

April 3 at 12:33 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Through a 30 year friendship with Art, I've had the pleasure of being included in Mrs. Meinke's birthday celebrations, family gatherings, an occasional "chick flick" and outings. I marveled at her warmth, sense of humor and inquisitive mind. Although she will be missed, she will reside in the hearts of the many who knew her and loved her. My heartfelt condolences to Art, Iris and Al and her family.##imported-begin##Judi Justet##imported-end##

April 3 at 10:59 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Art, although i never had the fortune of meeting your mom, i know she must have been a wonderful human being, having raised you to become the special person that you are and continously strive to be. Her spirit will continue to live thru you and your sister, and i have no doubt that you will always make her proud, just as you did while she was here in body. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family my dear friend. As always, i'm here for you should you need a friendly shoulder to lean on. Your friend, Ariel

April 3 at 9:22 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I remember Mary as one of the most selflessly loving people in my life. To have spent time with her is a blessing. The time that I was able to visit with her and her sister Elsa in Rome; in Washington, DC; in Florida; and in California has given me an enduring example of gratitude for each moment in our lives: to be present, to be kind, and to be humble. She always made me feel that the time I shared with her was a gift from me that she valued. That is really her gift, and I one I would learn to offer in turn. Thank you, Mary, for being the wonderful woman that you have been.

April 2 at 5:04 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Art and family, You are in my thoughts and prayers, that the Lord would comfort and encourage you, as I know you must greatly miss the special lady that you were blessed to have as your mother. Sincerely, Hilary Brand (TSA)

April 2 at 2:03 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I wanted to pass on my sincere and heartfelt condolences on the passing of your mom, Art! To the whole Meinke family, may I say it is an honor to work with and for Art, who I know was inspired so deeply by his mother. God and peace be with you.

April 2 at 2:01 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

I was so sad to hear of your mother's passing. You have my deepest condolences to my brother. If you need anything, I am only a phone call away. Stay Strong my Brotha!!!!

Kevin Davis

April 2 at 1:21 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

One of the most sweet persons I've met in life, treated me like a son, like part of family, wonderful, peaceful and very generous person full of energy, always trying to help. I will miss her a lot, and what I hope is that she stays in heaven in absolute peace and welcome all of us when time comes.

Geraldo Ramalho Filho

April 2 at 1:20 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Going thru some photos yesterday, brought us through a 23 year journey of unselfish love. The hardest would be to come to your front door in San Mateo and say "Mary we're here!" and not see your smiling face and warm welcome. In the words of a Carol Burnett tv show song (may not be exactly accurate) We're so glad we had this time together, just to have a laugh or sing a song ... seems we just got started and before we know it - comes the time we have to "so long" Mary, thank you for loving us and making us a part of your family. We will always hold you close in our hearts.

Fred & Yvonne Seow

April 2 at 12:23 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I missed a special friend. I am so far away but never forgot the good time I had in your house and how you received me. I learned how to be so calm and never complain about the little things. You give me love that only mummy give. Now you are with God but never you will leave from my hurt.

Joana darc Ramalho

April 2 at 11:59 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Maam, in these short days since you've moved on I miss seeing you so much. But then, you're travelling and I know your destination is a good one, which gives me peace. I've always wanted the best for you, and now you've got it! So until we see each other again, thank you for being my mom in so many ways. Your love, dedication, efforts and teachings have made me who I am and I hope I've made you proud. I am certainly proud to be Mary's Son and lovingly carry you in my heart, always.##imported-begin##Art Meinke##imported-end##

April 2 at 11:17 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear tante Mary, though we spent just few time together, you left us wonderful memories and you communicated us your calm and gentleness. Calcaterra family will never forget you. Thanks for the beautiful emotions you donated us. Rest in peace: Romano, Marianna, Giulia and Alessandro.##imported-begin##Calcaterra's##imported-end##

April 2 at 11:10 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Although oceans kept us apart, I knew you were there to be reached by phone. That is not possible anymore but wait for me, I'll come to see you again. Elsa, your sister.##imported-begin##Elsa Daniels Molino##imported-end##

April 2 at 10:26 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your mom- I know how special she was to you, and you can be very proud of all of the love, care, and support you and Iris provided over the last many years. My thoughts and love are with you both during this difficult time, and please let me know if there is anything I can do for you. Again, I'll be with you in spirit during the next days- and please send my love to Iris too! Ben##imported-begin##Ben Brandt##imported-end##

April 2 at 10:19 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Ada and I were both very sadden to hear about Mary's passing and yet we were happy to know that her suffering wasn't long. We are so thankful to have had the chance to meet and spend time with Mary, she is a Special Lady. Art please accept our very heart felt sympathy and prayers go out to you and your family. We love you! Carolina and Ada##imported-begin##Carolina Asencio and Ada##imported-end##

April 2 at 10:10 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Iris and Art, Al and Nestor, Jenny and Joe and Rafaella, and Justin, I am so sorry about the loss of your mother. grandmother, and great grandmother. She was a very special woman. I know you will all miss her greatly. It was a privilege to get to meet her. I am blessed to have all of you in my life as a result of a marriage many years ago. I will be thinking of all of you and have all of you in my prayers. Love to all of you, George##imported-begin##George Bradley##imported-end##

April 2 at 10:07 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

My dearest Art...so sorry to hear the news...but so nice to hear that she went peacefully and in the company and love of all her family. I know it will be difficult, but may you find comfort in the good memories you shared with her...she was a lovely Lady and I am sure that she will be guiding your steps and taking care of you from wherever she is now...our prayers are with you and your family...I love you, Carlos and Carmencita##imported-begin##Carmen and Carlos Segrera##imported-end##

April 2 at 10:04 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Art, our prayers and thoughts go out to you and your family. We always enjoyed spending time with your Mom in Miami. We'll talk to you soon. Bill & Tony##imported-begin##Bill Demarest##imported-end##

April 2 at 10:03 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

I am not sure exactly what to say...but, I am truly sorry for your loss. She is a wonderful bright light that has touched my heart and she has given me memories that will remain with me forever.

Mark##imported-begin##Mark Martin##imported-end##

April 2 at 10:02 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Hola Art, en nombre de mi familia, mi hijo y en el mio propio te envio una voz de consuelo en estemomento tan dificil para ti y toda tu familia, solo elevo oraciones al Dios todo poderoso para que te de fortaleza.Un saludo muy especial a toda tu familia y que Dios los bendiga. Un fuerte abrazo, Aide##imported-begin##Aide Vanegas##imported-end##

April 2 at 10:00 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Extending deep and heartfelt sympathy to you and family.She will live on in the hearts of everyone who loved her. We are sorry for your loss.GermÃ?n & Elsa##imported-begin##German and Elsa Sarmiento##imported-end##

April 2 at 9:58 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

When you hear of one's passing the first thing that comes to mind are all the amazing memories you have and there are so many of Tante Mary from the beautiful doll cakes to the blue icing cookie monster (which we never saw her eat any of you desserts) to her love for orchids. Her soft caress on your arm or cheek and asking "And how is Diana doing" to start amazing conversations. Tante you will always hold a very special place in my heart and I will smile every time I see an Orchid knowing it is you!##imported-begin##Diana DeSmidt##imported-end##

April 2 at 9:54 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

There is lonesomeness after the death of one's mother, but I want you to know that I am thinking of you both and sympathizing with you in this time of great loss. I will never forget the friendliness and kindness your mother extended to me. She was loved by all who knew her.##imported-begin##Cari de Finis##imported-end##

April 2 at 8:58 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the Meinke family during this difficult time of loss. Sincerely, Mariam Moses##imported-begin##Mariam Moses##imported-end##

April 2 at 7:54 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

tante mary: words can never explain the feelings I have. As I sit here wondering what to write, so many thought and memories come running through my head. do I bring up the strength and hope I always received from you in my time of need, or do I bring up the times through all my choices, some good, some not, you were there waiting for me with a smile and hug of acceptance. reasuring me that it will be all ok. No matter what story or memories I share it all boils down to you helped make me who I am. showed me how not to judge, respect and love others for who they are and not what I want them to be, because thats what you did for me!! Forever grateful, and always in my thought.##imported-begin##Evert van Gerrevink, Jr##imported-end##

April 1 at 4:15 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Ari e Iris, No encuentro palabras ni la hay para expresarles mi inmenso pesar por el fallecimiento de Tante Mary, ella esta hoy en lugar sereno lleno de paz que que solo Dios puede dar. Tante Mary tu estaras en mi corazon, siempre y mil gracias por todo, tu carino. Y para toda la familia muchas gracias por todo lo que han hecho, por mi. Bendiciones.##imported-begin##Martha Zelaya##imported-end##

April 1 at 3:31 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

To me Mary Meinke was Tante Mary. An example of respect, discretion, simplicity. One of those people who make a better world. Not having her longer with us, I am comforted by the thought that she was able to leave a part of herself to those who had the fortune to know her and share some experiences together. Rest in peace. ##imported-begin##Grazia Molino##imported-end##

April 1 at 1:04 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dearest tante Mary, at this moment, the thought that we won't see each other anymore would make me crazy. Thank God, our faith promises that one day we will meet you again in a happy place. With love. Your nephew. ##imported-begin##Vincenzo Arturo Molino##imported-end##

April 1 at 10:44 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I'm deeply sorry to hear about the passing of your Mom. I'm glad to hear that she was free from pain, and that she was surrounded by care and love. I never had the chance to meet her. But I've met you, my friend. You're one of the best people that I have ever come across in my life. She is there in you. And she always will be. She shaped that person that you are. And she will live forever through you and through those whose lives she has touched. Love, Alessandro ##imported-begin##Alessandro Cavalcante##imported-end##

April 1 at 10:30 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Hi Art, Alan & Philip from Melbourne, Australia here. Obviously we are shocked and mourn the passing away of your Mom. Both Philip's and My deepest sympathies to you and your family and our Prayers are with you all, as you set Mom off on a new found journey. We are with you Mate !! met your Mom, with you, many years ago whilst we were in SF. As I recall a very nice lady, just like her son & family. Much like my own Mom. We are all getting older and we can only hope that when our day is there that we can pass knowing our loved family and friends are with us. Bless you Mate. We are with you all the way and hope we can catch up before way too long ? Hugs & Kisses, Alan & Philip Melbourne, Australia. ##imported-begin##Alan Olsen and Philip Kemsley##imported-end##

April 1 at 10:28 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Please know that our love and prayers are with you all. If you need anything please just ask. Much Love Ted and Sue##imported-begin##Ted and Sue Lappegaard##imported-end##

April 1 at 10:25 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I just got to work and am saddened to read this email. I am sure that GOD will take very much care of Mary&#x2013;and will do the best for her. Mary is in my prayers as well you for much comforting.Love,Mory##imported-begin##Moraima Martinez##imported-end##

April 1 at 10:23 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Hierbij wil ik jou en Iris nogmaals condoleren met het verlies van jullie moeder.Het is een ingrijpend gebeuren in je leven.Ik ben blij dat zij in alle rust en in gezelschap van Iris mocht overgaan naar een ander leven.Voor jullie volgt nu een periode van regelen en daarna het verwerken van dit afscheid.Ik wens jullie allen heel veel sterkte en denk aan jullie.##imported-begin##Tineke Geilman##imported-end##

April 1 at 10:21 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Querido Art,At so sad moment, there s not much to say. Only that Mrs. Mary was a very special and wonderful woman, and also, that your mother has always been and will always be in my thoughts and my heart.Um abra&#x2013;o com carinho,Arnaldo##imported-begin##Arnaldo Perrone##imported-end##

April 1 at 10:19 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Oi Art,Meus sentimentos pelo falecimento da sua mã?Êe.Por incr?Âvel que pare?Âsa essa semana lembramos de voc?Ê,a mam?Êe falou que tinha muito tempo que n?Êo recebia not?Âcias suas, e tamb?Êm ela lembrou tem 2 dias da sua mã?Êe, de um tecido que ela deu pra ela. O mais importante que sua mã?Êe viveu bastante e temos boas lembran?Âs dela. Um grande abra?Âso e mam?Êe manda um beijo no seu cora?Â?Êo.##imported-begin##A familia De Sa##imported-end##

April 1 at 10:16 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

We were so sorry to hear of Mary?Ê?â?Ês passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers. With sympathy,Linda and Rich##imported-begin##Linda and Rich Davis##imported-end##

April 1 at 10:15 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I pray that God will comfort those who mourn for Mary. My codolences to the entire family, and especially Art who is my dear friend. I will dedicate Palm Sunday Mass to Mary Meinke at the Guardian Angel Cathedral in Las Vegas, NV. Love, Karen Hanlon##imported-begin##Karen Hanlon##imported-end##

March 31 at 9:19 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Sharing your sorrow and hoping it will comfort you to know that many hearts, and prayers reach out to you and your family in sympathy and love. Shall cherish all the memories I have of Mary in Brazil always. Evelyn Fanchini and Family.##imported-begin##Evelyn Fanchini and Family##imported-end##

March 31 at 9:15 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Working with Art, in Brazil, I had the great plesure of knowing her and feel her love and empathy. My prayers for Mrs.Meinke and her family and friends.SAUDADES.##imported-begin##Adriana Mourao##imported-end##

March 31 at 7:03 AM



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