



# **Maria G. Kroontje**

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**M**arietje Kroontje died Tuesday, November 4th at the age of 94.

Born in Rotterdam Netherlands, Marietje immigrated to the United States in 1948 with her now deceased husband, friend and partner, Wybe Kroontje. Living in the Netherlands during World War II, Marietje had experienced both the devastation of war and the joy of liberation by US and Allied troops.

She was devoted to her husband and worked tirelessly with him, first as he achieved his degree in agronomy at Cornell University and later as he became a professor of Agronomy at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. Before retiring from that post, Wybe and Marietje volunteered some 13-years of their time in the planning and fundraising for a non-profit retirement community in Blacksburg, Virginia known as Warm Hearth Village. Their joint effort in launching Warm Hearth was to contribute to the care and wellbeing of the elderly as an expression of gratitude to the United States for liberating Europe from the Nazis. Today, Warm Hearth is a thriving retirement community that includes a nursing facility, an Alzheimer unit and on-site retail facilities. She was a loving and attentive mother and grandmother.

Marietje is survived by her daughter Roeli Kroontje, her son-in-law Scott Fuller and her granddaughter Lindsay Fuller who reside in Waterford, Virginia.

Memorial services will be held at the Blacksburg Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St SE, Blacksburg, VA 24060 at 2:00PM on Saturday November 15, 2014.

In lieu of flowers donation may be made to the Warm Hearth Foundation, 2603 Warn Hearth Drive, Blacksburg, VA 24060.

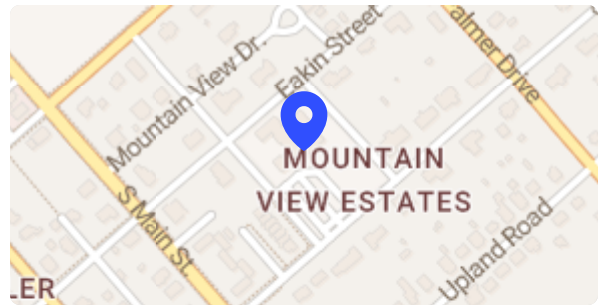


# Events

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## Celebration of Life

- Saturday**, November 15, 2014
- 2:00 PM ET
- Blacksburg Presbyterian Church**  
701 Church Street SE, Blacksburg VA 24060





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SS

**Susan And George Simmons** posted:

Dear Roeli, Our caring thoughts and deepest sympathy are with you and your family. Many years have passed yet cherished memories of you, your mother, and your father will always be in our hearts. Each time I remember your parents they always had the most genuine smile for each person whom they met. Most importantly though, your mother and your father gave a most remarkable gift to Blacksburg - Warm Hearth Village. What foresight they had to see such a need! Your parents will always be remembered! Peace and comfort, George and Susan Simmons

November 15 at 2:47 PM

RA

**Richard Allen** posted:

Dearest Roeli, There are no words to express how deeply sorry we are to hear about the passing of your mother. Losing a loved one is never easy. The pain and sorrow never really goes away, but time will help heal your heart. Cherish the memories you had with your mother and know that her love will always be with you. Our heartfelt condolences are with you and your family. Sincerely, Your Friends at Construction Systems Group, Inc. Richard B Allen, Jr., PE Partner

November 14 at 9:45 AM

ER

**Ernest Roane** sent a virtual gift in honor of Maria.

Roeli, I am saddened by the news of your mother's passing but am grateful for your parents' foresight and steadfast perseverance seeing Warm Hearth Village to fruition. My 93-year-old father, Curtis W. Roane, lives at 19 Dogwood Circle at WHV where he has many friends, old and new. He makes use of Warm Hearth at Home home healthcare and lifestyle services which enables his semi-independent living. I am thankful for having known your folks, Wybe and Marietje, and for their contribution to Blacksburg. E. Lee Roane, BHS Class of 1970



November 12 at 8:05 AM

WD

**W. Lee Daniels** posted:

Dear Roeli: I read the notice of your Mom's passing when I returned from a trip over the weekend. Jody and I pass on our condolences. You know that we cared for and respected both of your parents so much and we are sad to see that this great era is now passed. I will be at the service on Saturday. You are welcome to stop by the "old house" if you need a break coming or going on Saturday. Lee Daniels

November 12 at 5:33 AM



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**Janet Harold** posted:

I am sorry to hear of Marietje Kroontje's death. I remember Wybe Kroontje as one of my Agronomy professors at Virginia Tech. He was an excellent teacher and he told some great stories. — Janet Harold

November 11 at 12:36 PM



**Jim Robertson** posted:

Dear Roeli:I was saddened to hear of your Mother's passing. She was a great lady. Know that you and your family will be our family's thoughts and prayers.Sincerely,Jim Robertson

November 10 at 4:20 PM



**Mary Lee Hendricks** posted:

Dear Roeli,I'm am sending my condolences on the death of your mother. I remember her as being calm and cheerful. Your parents lived close to us on Allendale; we live on Gracelyn Court (the house that belonged to the Murrays, whom you may have known).I appreciate your parents' dedication to establishing Warm Hearth and the sentiment behind it, as expressed in the obituary. My parents live in Warm Hearth now. My father was in the Navy in WWII, stationed at the Naval Research Lab.I will not be in town next weekend, so I regret having to miss the memorial service. Know that many people have fond memories of both of your parents, and even more did not know them but benefit from the works of their lives.Mary Lee Hendricksmaryleea@comcast.net

November 8 at 4:31 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Maria by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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