



Melitta Luzia Bucciero

April 17, 1943 - March 24, 2021

Melitta Luzia Bucciero, 77, of Ashburn, Virginia, passed away peacefully Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at home in Ashburn, Virginia.

Melitta is survived by her husband of nearly 52 years, Anthony Bucciero; daughter Michele Pennington; son David Bucciero; son-in-law Russ Pennington; daughter-in-law Diane Bucciero; grandchildren Caroline Pennington, Madeleine Pennington, William Pennington, Noah Bucciero and Isabella Bucciero; and sister Marianne Kalinke. She also leaves behind much-loved family here and in Germany, dear friends, and the countless students she touched over the years as a high school teacher.

Born April 17, 1943, in Konigsberg, Germany, Melitta was the daughter of the late Johannes and Elfriede Kalinke.

In 1950, she and her family set sail aboard the Queen Mary to begin a life in America. She grew up in New York City, where she graduated valedictorian of St. Vincent Ferrer High School. She was salutatorian of her graduating class at Good Counsel College and went on to earn a masters degree at the University of Virginia.

In 1967 she went on a blind date with a young Italian named Tony, whom she married in 1969 and with whom she created a beautiful love story, marriage, and life. Together, they raised their daughter Michele and son David, spending their young parenting years watching soccer games and dance recitals, attending pinewood derbies and karate competitions, and driving to every kind of lesson imaginable: art, ice skating, swimming, and tennis, among others.

Melitta warmly welcomed into her family her son-in-law Russ and daughter-in-law Diane. She was the proud grandmother of five: Caroline Luzia, Madeleine Rose, William Anthony Clay, Noah Anthony, and Isabella Grace, who have fond memories of her presence at their activities, performances, and competitions, and the time spent with her at the beach, trips, shows, and family celebrations.

A gifted linguist, Melitta taught German, Spanish and Latin in Fairfax County Public Schools for 20 years, and left an impact on countless students, both as a teacher and as a compassionate and trusted mentor.

Upon retirement, she enjoyed spending time with family and friends, participating in theatre groups and book clubs, and spending time in her beloved Duck, N.C. Melitta and Tony also had the opportunity to travel extensively, culminating in two memorable trips with their children and grandchildren to Germany and Italy.

A Memorial Visitation will be at 2:00 PM on Sunday March 28, 2021 at Loudoun Funeral Chapel located at 158 Catoctin Circle, SE, Leesburg, Va., 20175.

A Catholic Mass will be held at 10:30am on Monday March 29, 2021 at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church at 101 Oak Crest Manor drive, Leesburg, VA, 20176.

Interment will be immediately following the Mass at Leesburg Union Cemetery, Leesburg, Va.

In lieu of flowers you may make memorial donations to the Parkinson's Foundation in Melitta's honor by clicking here. (https://secure3.convio.net/prkorg/site/SPageNavigator/2017_donate_form_2.html?tab=tribute&_ga=2.123757258.1567487756.1616701928-707059137.1616701928&_gac=1.52635292.1616701934.EA1aIQobChMI1v-5pZzM7wIVKQeICR2fDQkbEAAYASAAEgKtPvD_BwE)

Events

MAR **Memorial Visitation** 02:00PM - 05:00PM

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Loudoun Funeral Chapel

158 Catoctin Circle, S.E., Leesburg, VA, US, 20175

MAR **Catholic Mass** 10:30AM

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St. John the Apostle Catholic Cemetery

101 Oak Crest Manor Drive, Leesburg, VA, US

Comments



“ Melitta and I lived in the same neighborhood -East 80's Did she go to St Stephen's? Anyway I visited her apt and we studied together. I was happy to see her on our 50th anniversary

joan mcCall Crowley - April 06, 2021 at 07:12 PM



“ Some of the Belmont girls, Carol, Pat, Karin and Carolyn, during one of our many get togethers. We had many fun times at home and abroad. We will miss Melitta. Rest In Peace



koos - March 27, 2021 at 08:04 PM



“ I really want to send my sincere condolences to Melita's family. I taught with Melita at Fairfax High School and always teased her about being German...She had the most pleasant personality and great sense of humor. She was kind and compassionate, we are going to miss her very much. Christiane Huff

Christiane B Huff - March 26, 2021 at 07:12 PM



“ Melita was a sweet and gentle soul. I was so happy to see her at our 50th at GCC. I also was a language major so we attende many classes together ,and yes, she was indeed a bright light. And very modest. Meitta, may you reat peacefully in the arms of our Loving God. Although i never met her family, i offer them my heartfelt condolences. I know she is already missed.

Linda Bufano Considine '65 GCC - April 07, 2021 at 02:05 PM



“ It is with profound sadness that I learned of Melita's passing. She was such a warm, caring person and is remembered as such. My deepest sympathies and prayers are sent to her family on the loss of their loved one. .

Catherine Francomano-Renza'65

Catherine Renza - April 07, 2021 at 08:28 PM



“ I was so shocked and saddened to learn of Melitta's death by googling her to see if she had moved (as my Christmas card was returned to me last year.) We met as mothers of young children in West Milford in the 1970's . My children, Yvonne and Ari, attended Michelle's and David's birthday parties and vice versa.I'm sure they also had after school classes together as well. We shared a common interest in foreign languages, although I ended up teaching ESL. After we both moved , we met a few times in NYC. It was always great to see her again. We kept up with Christmas letters over the years. I am truly saddened to learn of her loss . My deepest condolences to Tony, Michelle and David and their families and her sister Marianne . With love and sympathy, Noël Koulouthros

Noel Koulouthros - November 29, 2021 at 10:35 PM



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Tony Bucciero - March 25, 2021 at 07:53 PM



“ We need women who are so strong they can be gentle, so educated they can be humble, so fierce they can be compassionate, so passionate they can be rational, and so disciplined they can be free. My friend Melitta had it all ! Love

Louise - March 26, 2021 at 03:55 PM



“ Melitta was a kind and gentle soul, a teacher, a colleague, a friend. I will miss her. May she Rest In Peace.

My Condolences to the family.

Maria Ingham

Maria Ingham - March 27, 2021 at 03:46 PM



“ Melitta had everything: beauty, a soaring intellect, grace, kindness, humor, loyalty, balance, a gift for friendship and more. She loved her family and enjoyed her life. It was a gift to know her. Condolences to Tony, Michele, David and all her family.

Mary O'Gorman - March 28, 2021 at 12:26 PM



“ Just learning this today, April 6th ~ Melitta was my "big sister" at Good Counsel College in White Plains, NY and was the dearest mentor and "big sister" any woman would want. My family lived in White Plains, and she was a frequent guest at our Sunday dinners, as she was dearly loved by us all. My deepest condolences to Tony and your beautiful extended family. Such a loss and such a gift to all who knew her. Clare Overlander

Clare Overlander - April 06, 2021 at 04:30 PM