



Gretel Zale

March 20, 1941 - March 4, 2019

Gretel Zale, 77, of Fort Washington, Maryland, passed away on March 4, 2019 at Sage Point Senior Living in La Plata.

Born on March 20, 1941 in Mülacker, Germany, she was the daughter of the late Ana and Theodor Staehle. Gretel came to the United States in 1971 and worked as a seamstress. She loved cats and was an advocate for cat rescue programs. Gretel made her own clothing, worked in her garden and enjoyed traveling.

She is survived by her loving companion, Herb McCall; sons Richard Wallace and his wife Crystal, Mitchell Wallace and his wife Brenda; grandchildren Garrett, Brandon, and Anna Wallace; sister Marie Kopp.

Family and friends to gather on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 from 1PM until time of service at 2PM at Raymond Funeral Service, P.A., 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, Maryland 20646.

Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a local humane society or animal rescue program.

Previous Events

Gathering

MAR 13. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gretel Zale*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Gretel Zale*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Ich Leib rich mein Schatz. Und vermisse dish*

Herb mccall - March 12, 2019 at 09:54 PM



Ich Leone dish!

Herb mccall - March 13, 2019 at 08:57 AM



Ich Leibe dich!!

Herb mccall - March 13, 2019 at 08:59 AM

EP

“ Hi Gretel, where ever you are I'm glad to know you dont suffer any more. There are so many memories of the things we did together. Mainly of course our animal rescue work of which I could write a book about it. And maybe time permitting I will some day I can never thank you enough for your help with Joes hospital rehab and hospice. You were always by my side. Then at the end at Arlington cemetary where we said goodbye to him. At the officers club were why had the celebration of his life, where we said goodbye to him and now sadly were here to say good bye to you. I'm so sorry that I didn't have the guts to tell you all this when I last saw you. But I didn't want you to give up. I stilled believed in a miracle. Good by my friend. Sleep well love always elf

Elfreida pace - March 12, 2019 at 09:49 PM

HM

“ Gretel your going to be missed in more ways than one. you did so many good deeds in your life, you will always be remembered by me. Most of all by the little ones. Gretel now that you have your wings direct them to the next food bowl. Love Ada Broughton

Herb mccall - March 12, 2019 at 09:40 PM

HM

This was posted for ada by me

Herb mccall - March 12, 2019 at 09:58 PM

JM

“ I am so sad to hear of Gretel's passing. She was always so much fun at Jazzercise. Every year she would have us over for a Christmas party where we would admire her beautiful treasures, enjoy her wonderful cooking and laugh at her colorful stories. I have such sweet memories of Gretel!

Julie Martin - March 11, 2019 at 11:23 AM

SW

“ Gretel there are no words for how this saddened me. You were a huge part of my life. Lots of good family memories with you. You will be missed and I wish so much we had gotten to talk. Fly high and rest <3

Susan M Wallace - March 06, 2019 at 12:07 PM

EH

Gretel has been one of the kindest and most generous persons whom I have known, she was always ready and willing to lend a helping hand, she had a heart of gold. The love she had shown to all people and animals was beautiful. God has a special place in heaven for her. Gretel, you'll be terribly missed. I'll always love you. Gone but not forgotten.

REST IN PEACE,

Eastlyn

Eastlyn Harewood - March 08, 2019 at 11:03 AM