



## Mariette Lubbe Kurtenbach

April 13, 1959 - December 6, 2022

Mariëtte Lubbe Kurtenbach passed away on December 6, 2022, at the age of 63, at the Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park, MN. She was born on April 13, 1959 in Gobabis, Namibia - the first child of Schalk and Biebie Lubbe.

Mariëtte and her sisters grew up on a cattle farm, forming the holistic backbone of her character and guiding her love for adventure and outdoor living. She loved horse riding, poetry, playing card games with the family, and undertaking adventurous holidays. She travelled extensively and had a passion for people from various walks of life. She excelled at playing field hockey and held national colors for hockey in Namibia and provincial colors for hockey in South Africa. She also loved sailing and obtained her skipper's license as an adult, so she loved living close to water, whether it be an ocean or a lake.

On October 21, 1994, she married Kenneth Kurtenbach and they had three children. Never one to shy away from any responsibilities, she was constructively involved in her society and she was respected and valued wherever she applied herself. She was a passionate, committed parent to her children, and often to various other children as well. She loved fiercely and she was the most loyal friend anybody could ask for!

Mariëtte was fanatic about soccer and loved building puzzles and playing

Wordle! She enjoyed watching old cowboy Western movies, and was an ardent Robert Fuller fan! She loved going to the theatre, doing calligraphy, and creating and enjoying any art. She was instrumental in forming a wine-tasting group, and known to appreciate a glass of good red wine after a long day's work.

Her career saw her doing various stints as a teacher, both in Namibia and at the Spanish Immersion School in Eden Prairie, Minnesota. She loved teaching and coaching, and she acted as Team Manager for various club soccer teams in which her children were playing. True to form, she collected donations for soccer uniforms for some of her children's team mates, and in doing so, she befriended many children, teachers, and parents along the way.

She was an IT professional for many years, until the time of her passing, where she was known for her leadership, her analytical mind, and her ability to perform well under pressure. She was close to her team members and, just like with many other people that crossed her life, they became extended family.

She was a member of the Methodist Church and lived a principled life, known for her integrity and her unwavering moral compass. Mariëtte touched the hearts of many people with her kindness, positive approach to life, and her generosity. She lived an authentic life and befittingly, she will be missed by everybody who ever had the privilege of knowing her, across a number of continents.

She is survived by her husband of 28 years, Kenneth Kurtenbach, and by her

children Sean, Marc, and Sawyer. As the eldest daughter in a family of four sisters, Mariëtte is also survived by her sister Ansie Lubbe Prosser, along with her husband Willie Prosser, and their son Liam Prosser; her sister Bruni Lubbe; and her sister Leonie Lubbe, along with her husband Koos Augustyn, and their son Adrian Augustyn. Mariëtte is survived by an extended family in South Africa and Namibia, most notably her beloved aunt, Betteke Els.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Schalk and Biebie Lubbe, of Gobabis, Namibia, as well as by her grandmother, Mietie Chapman, of Gobabis, and her maternal uncle, Casper Els, of Pretoria, South Africa.

A funeral service is planned January 14, 2023 at 11am with visitation 10am at Eden Prairie United Methodist Church.

To attend the funeral virtually please go to  
<https://youtu.be/X8x1m0OprKo>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Eden Prairie United Methodist Church  
15050 Scenic Heights Road  
Eden Prairie, MN 55436

## Memorial Service

JAN 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Eden Prairie United Methodist Church  
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Eden Prairie, MN 55436

# Tribute Wall

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“ I first met Mariette in downtown Johannesburg in the 1980s when we attended a computer programming course together which launched our IT careers. She and I hit it off from day one, and remained good friends in close contact for several years until life took us to different continents and we then fell into occasional visits, correspondence and calls. But we stayed in touch. Mariette was an exceptional human being – intelligent, warm, fun loving, energetic, intellectually curious and creative. I knew her best as a vibrant young woman and took pleasure in seeing her grow into a loving wife and mother. She was so proud of her children Sean, Mark and Sarah and every Christmas letter was testament to the many family activities and loving environment that Mariette fostered together with Ken.

*We are formed by the relationships in our lives, and all who knew Mariette carry her in our hearts and are richer for it. Rest in peace Mariette and sing with the angels.*

*Jill Osborn*

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**Jill** - January 14, 2023 at 03:22 AM

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“ Casey and Jim Rohe purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mariette Lubbe Kurtenbach.



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**Casey and Jim Rohe** - January 13, 2023 at 10:15 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mariette Lubbe Kurtenbach.*



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January 13, 2023 at 09:11 AM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Mariette Lubbe Kurtenbach.*



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January 12, 2023 at 09:24 AM



“ *Mariette was such a special person. She truly made the world a better place. She will be deeply missed.*

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**RAMESH CHAMALA** - January 12, 2023 at 08:50 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to your family. I'm praying that you have peace and comfort these upcoming weeks. Love, the Keddie Family*

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**Mary Ann** - December 28, 2022 at 07:45 AM

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“ *Mariëtte was a wonderful person and a great colleague I worked and volunteered with for many years at GE. We will miss her, her spirit, experience and expertise. Our condolences to all her family in this difficult moment.*



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**Olivier B** - December 19, 2022 at 03:26 PM

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“ *I am so sorry 😞. Hugs and Prayers 🙏🙏*

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**Ankit Chhabra** - December 16, 2022 at 10:43 AM



“ *I'm so sorry. She was a wonderful woman. Hugs and prayers.*

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**Casey Rohe** - December 16, 2022 at 04:19 AM

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“ *Mariette, I will deeply miss you! I will cherish that times we had spent and really glad I was able to finally meet you in person. I will cherish these memories. I know you are in a good place now. Rest in peace my dear friend.*

*Irene*

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**Irene N.** - December 15, 2022 at 02:28 PM