



## Maria McAuley

March 8, 1940 - February 17, 2024

### Maria McAuley

Maria McAuley, 83, of Chanhassen, MN, passed away peacefully in her sleep on February 17, 2024. Maria was born on March 8, 1940, to Johann and Maria Hauptmann in Vaska, Yugoslavia (Croatia). In 1964, Maria met Stephen McAuley at a German dance in Chicago. Maria's smile and brown-green eyes, enhanced by her emerald green dress, instantly caught the eye of Steve from across the dance hall. Maria lovingly dedicated her life to helping her family of origin survive and the family that she created joyfully thrive.

Maria is survived by her husband Stephen; daughter Deborah (Michael) Besser, granddaughters Therese (Cedric), Micaela (David), Kendra; son Steve (Beth) McAuley, grandsons Sean, Tony, and Noah. Maria was the second to youngest sister of her eight siblings, late Anna (late Willi) Wincek, late Joseph (late Rosina), late Johann (Magdalena), late Michael (Katharina), late Barbara (late John) Gantner, late Paul, late Franz (Anna), Stefan (Susan); and fond aunt of many nieces and nephews.

She will be lovingly remembered for her ability to inspire her family, delightful good humor, sparkling wit, sense of adventure, green thumb magic, master chef and baker expertise, artistic flare, entrepreneurship, dedication to hard work, care for persons and communities in need, and many more beautiful

qualities which were intertwined with her faith.

Services will be held at St. Hubert Catholic Church, Chanhassen, MN. We will be celebrating a Funeral Mass for Maria on Friday, February 23 at 11:00 AM with visitation starting at 10:00 AM. There will be a reception for family and friends at St. Hubert's reception hall after the Funeral Mass.

St. Hubert Catholic Church

8201 Main Street

Chanhassen, MN 55317

# Cemetery Details

## St. Hubert Catholic Cemetery

381 West 78th Street  
Chanhassen, MN 55317

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Hubert Catholic Church  
8201 Main St  
Chanhassen, MN 55317-9647  
(952) 934-9106

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 23. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Huberts Catholic Church (Chanhassen - Main St.)  
8201 Main Street  
Chanhassen, MN

# Tribute Wall

CF

“ Carey and Niemi Families purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Maria McAuley.



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**Carey and Niemi Families** - February 22, 2024 at 12:27 PM

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“ Carey and Niemi Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria McAuley.

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**Carey and Niemi Families** - February 22, 2024 at 12:27 PM

AH

“ Our hearts go out to our uncle, our cousins Steven and Deborah and their families.  
We will always remember our Tante Maria as a kind, considerate and loving person.  
„Ihre Spur führt in unsere Herzen.“  
Alfred & Roberta Hauptmann  
Kurt Hauptmann & Family

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**Alfred Hauptmann** - February 22, 2024 at 03:59 AM

FF

“ Frank, Karen and family purchased the *Emerald Garden Basket* for the family of Maria McAuley.



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**Frank, Karen and family** - February 21, 2024 at 04:08 PM

GO

“ *Maria was such a wonderful friend. I remember her as the most kind, loving, thoughtful and caring person I have ever met. Among many other things, she volunteered her precious time to help with Cub Scouts when no one else would, when we needed her the most. I could not have done it without her by my side. Our sons were the same age. Our friendship with both Maria and Stephen continued at St. Pat's, and in Florida as well as St Charles. To be invited to dinner at their house was an experience for royalty. Such amazing cooking and serving and she would never let you into the kitchen to help. I remember at about 3 pm each day, Maria would always head home to prepare yet another gourmet meal for Stephen.*

*I remember her with so much joy and send our deepest condolences to the whole family. Love and Prayers, Charles and Gloria Otto.*



**Gloria Otto** - February 21, 2024 at 11:11 AM

CW

*Maria, a beautiful and treasured St. Patrick's parishioner! We will look forward to seeing you and enjoying your company again in heaven!*

*Christy Whelan*

**Christy Whelan** - March 26, 2024 at 06:58 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Maria McAuley.*



February 21, 2024 at 11:06 AM

MG

“ *My dearest tante Maria was blessed with a wonderful life. Thank you uncle Steve for taking good care of my favorite aunt. She always had a smile when I would see her and always asked about my family. She will be missed by so many. She will always be in our hearts. God bless.*  
*With love,*  
*Maggie*

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**Maggie Grande** - February 20, 2024 at 04:47 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Maria McAuley.*



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February 20, 2024 at 04:35 PM

BA

“ *Blessings to you all. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria McAuley.*

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**Blessings to you all.** - February 20, 2024 at 04:35 PM

GH

“ *3 files added to the album Tribute Wall*



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**Gaby Hauser** - February 20, 2024 at 03:47 PM

GH

“ Dear Family of Maria,  
Maria has been a cousin of my 93 year old dad, Michael Hauser. He lives in Germany in the region of Black Forest. Maria's mother Maria Hauptmann-Hauser and my grandfather Michael Hauser, senior the father of my dad, Michael Hauser junior has been siblings, living in Oreschatz, Croatia.

As a teenager Maria married to the village of Vaska into the Hauptmann family. Her second youngest child was baby Maria. She was born in 1940 at the beginning of WW2. Hard times for all. Soon the Hauptmann's have to leave everything behind. They all flee under very dangerous conditions to Austria. Maria was a little girl at that time. They got a so-called home in Lager Haid, a town of barracks filled up with refugee families.

This were years without a future. But better times occurred in the 50ties and in 1956 they could emigrate to the USA. A flight from Munich/Riem brought the parents Hauptmann, Paul, Stefan and 16year old Maria to Idlewild airport N.Y. It was summer - August 14th. And a new life startet for the teenager Maria on a new continent for 67 years.

Rest in Peace, Maria.

Our thoughts are with you in these sad times.

The Hauser family from Unterkirnach, Black Forest: Michael and daughter Gaby.

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**Gaby Hauser** - February 20, 2024 at 03:28 PM

OC

“ our families in California purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Maria McAuley.



our families in California - February 20, 2024 at 01:59 PM

AM

“ Ms Maria, Even though our time together was short I enjoed every monent! I do wish we had more time but I do know you are no longer in pain. May you fly high in heaven--

Amber - February 20, 2024 at 12:09 PM



Beautiful words! Thank you for your amazing care ❤️

Beth McAuley - February 21, 2024 at 10:51 PM

FL

“ From Seager Tufte & Wickhem LLP purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Maria McAuley.



From Seager Tufte & Wickhem LLP - February 20, 2024 at 08:34 AM

FL

“ From Seager Tufte & Wickhem LLP planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria McAuley.

From Seager Tufte & Wickhem LLP - February 20, 2024 at 08:34 AM