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Maria "Mariella" Irene Warner passed away peacefully on December 21, 2024, at the age of 89, surrounded by love, light, and family.

Born on August 21, 1935, in Tripoli, Libya, to Greek parents George and Zoe Curtessi, Mariella was the oldest of seven children: Angela, Michele, Elena, Leonida, Alessandro, and Marina. She lived a life rich in love, creativity, and service. It was in Tripoli, Libya, where she met her beloved husband, Sidney S. Warner, a young geologist at the time. The couple married in 1963 and shared 55 wonderful years together before Sidney's passing.

Mariella was a dealer of art and antiques, sharing her passion and expertise in Maumee, Ohio; Denver, Colorado; and Bellingham, Washington. She had a keen eye for beauty and history, which she shared with all who knew her. She also served as the president of the Auxiliary of the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Denver, Colorado, dedicating her time and talents to her faith and community.

Mariella's love language was cooking, and she expressed her care through meals lovingly prepared for family, friends, and neighbors. Known for her

warm hospitality and generous heart, she brought people together, creating a sense of belonging wherever she went.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Sidney S. Warner. Mariella is survived by her three children: George Bond Warner (Christine Harris, Yvonne Warner), Kate Hyde Swanstrom Warner (Scott Swanstrom, James Ludlam), and Margaret Warner (Margo Martinez). She was the proud grandmother of Audrey Elizabeth Ludlam, Sophie Anne Ludlam, and Dylan Bond Warner.

Mariella's legacy of love, artistry, and community will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

Services will be held on Friday, December 27, 2024. A viewing will take place at Moles Funeral Home in Bellingham, WA, from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM, followed by a funeral procession to St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Bellingham, WA, at 11:30 AM. A lunch reception will follow at Black Sheep in Bellingham, WA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Denver, Colorado; St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Bellingham, WA; or Whatcom Hospice in Bellingham, WA.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear George, Kate and Margaret,
I was so sad to learn of your mother's passing. I only met her a few times when we had Thanksgiving together; once around 1973 at Lakeside, Ohio and another time in Toledo at their home in about 1976.
You all were fairly young children then and my sister and I adored you!! Your mom was always so elegant and interesting to us!!
My mother, Carolyn Warner Wilson, was your father's first cousin. Their fathers, Fred Warner and Sid Warner, were brothers.
I had reached out to Kate a few years ago when the girl cousins in our immediate family had a reunion at Lakeside. I am going to send your mom's obituary to all of them.
We send our love to all of you and hope to see you again sometime.
Love,
Betsy Wilson Roig

Betsy Roig - January 27, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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“ Remembering many happy occasions hosted by Mariella and Sid. Sending you love from Colorado. A donation was made to Whatcom Hospice in memory of Mariella.

Cindy and Sean West - December 27, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sending love to the entire family, Mariella will be missed.

Natalie Straub - December 27, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I send my love and prayers to all of you. I won't be able to be with you to celebrate the life of Mariella. She was a dear lady and I have many fond memories of special times in the home of Mariella and Sid. May your memories carry you through your grief. Love one another*

Betty Ludlam - December 26, 2024 at 12:00 AM