



## Mrs Maria Teresa Pflaum

September 27, 1956 - August 18, 2022

Maria Teresa “Matesa” Pflaum, 65, passed away Thursday evening, August 18, 2022, at Gilchrist Center of Towson.

She was born September 27, 1956, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, to Francisco Edmundo and Martha Delfina (Mazzini) Pflaum. In 1962, she emigrated with her family to the United States.

There she moved to several places until settling at Springfield, Illinois. She graduated from

Sacred Heart Academy and attended St. Louis University. On August 14, 1987, she married

Gregory Jay Zylstra. The newly-wed couple moved from place to place, including Japan, before

settling in Sioux Falls, South Dakota in 1994. There she raised a family with four loving children.

Afterward, in 2003, she and the family moved to Towson, Maryland, where she proudly raised her children to adulthood.

Matesa had many passions including gardening, sewing, and teaching children the word of God.

She loved animals, seeming to attract their attention and affection effortlessly. Her nurturing character extended to rescuing and caring for birds, particularly victims of our pet cats. She was a mama bear, passionately advocating for her children. Most of all, Maria gave of herself wholly to the family and its interests. The family is eternally grateful for her strong encouragement, aid, but most of all her love.

Honored to have shared her life are survivors Greg Zylstra, husband of 35 years, children John A (Brittney), Maki CM, Francisco WL, and Sophia A, brother Francisco J (Bela) Pflaum, and sister Maria Martha (Vincent Jurgens) Pflaum, and sister in-laws Susan (Robert) Cromwell, Barbara (Keith) Bryan, and Rhonda (Chris) Miller, and several nephews and nieces.

Preceding Matesa in death are her parents and her brother Adolfo Pflaum.

Visitation services will be at Mitchell-Wiedefeld Funeral Home in Towson from 4pm to 7pm on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, and at George Boom Funeral Home in Sioux Falls from 12pm to 2pm on Saturday, August 27, 2022. Catholic prayer service will be held at 6:30pm at Mitchell-Wiedefeld Funeral Home. Procession and interment at Hills of Rest Cemetery in Sioux Falls follows visitation at George Boom Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **24**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Mitchell - Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc.  
6500 York Road  
Baltimore, MD 21212  
(410) 377-8300  
general@mwfuneralhome.com

## Catholic Prayers

AUG **24**. 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

BE

“ *Bela sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs Maria Teresa Pflaum*



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**Bela** - August 26, 2022 at 10:23 AM

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“ *Bela Pflaum lit a candle in memory of Mrs Maria Teresa Pflaum*



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**Bela Pflaum** - August 26, 2022 at 12:58 AM

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“ *J.M.J.  
May the Soul of Maria Teresa rest in peace. I will offer the Mass for her Soul's repose. May the Holy Family of Nazareth comfort all who mourn the passing away of Maria Teresa.*



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**Monsignor Charles M. Mangan** - August 23, 2022 at 01:40 PM