



## Mrs. Tania Gajda

March 1, 1937 - April 23, 2017

Mrs. Marcelle Tania (Quervin) Gajda, of 7 Woods Drive Adams, died in the early morning of April 23, 2017 at her home surrounded by family after a long battle with cancer.

Family and friends knew her by her middle name, Tania, which she preferred. Born on March 1, 1937 she spent her formative years in Paris France. Tania attended the Catholic schools organized by the Soeurs de Saint Vincent de Paul and was a communicant of Saint Sulpice in Paris, receiving her first communion and confirmation there.

Through the early 1960s, she was employed as a brand quality assistant for Charles of the Ritz and Yves Saint Laurent in Paris, occasionally modeling for these agencies. It was during this time that she met the love of her life, Stanley A. Gajda Jr. who was stationed in France at Éverux Air Force Base. They were wed in Jouy-sur-Eure, Haute Normandie France on the 20th of August 1965. A marriage that lasted 51 years.

She arrived in Adams with her devoted husband in 1966, upon the completion of his military service. During her first years in Adams, she sold Avon products while teaching herself English and raising three children. Tania was employed at the former Waverly Fabrics, Adams and Meehan Electronics, Clarksburg, as well as various other establishments. Always creative with her hands, her lifelong passion was knitting and this is how she occupied most of her free time. Her knitting and love of her family is what gave her solace and strength in the last three years of her fight with glioblastoma.

Tania was proud to become a US citizen on August 26, 1999, and to finally enjoy the privilege of voting. She was a communicant at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in Adams. She was also an active member of the Adams Elks Lodge #1335 for the past twelve years. She really enjoyed spending time with her many friends and family, often sharing a good glass of wine with them. She will be dearly missed.

She is survived by her husband Stanley A. Gajda Jr. of Adams; her daughter Monique M. Yates of Lorton, Virginia; her eldest son Stanley A. Gajda III of Easthampton MA; her youngest son Oliver J. Gajda of San Francisco CA; and her seven grandchildren.

A Liturgy of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, April 29, at 11:00 A.M. in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, Adams, celebrated by Rev. Steven Montesanti, Pastor.

Burial will be at a later date to be announced.

Calling hours are Friday from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St., Adams, which is in charge of arrangements.

For those wishing to donate in lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations can be made to the donation of their choice or in her name to HospiceCare in the Berkshires, 877 South Street Suite 1W, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

# Tribute Wall

EL

“ With love and sympathy at such a difficult time, God bless Tania and family...in our thoughts and prayers ?. Sincerely, Eva, Tony, Jessica and Ericka Lanza ?

Eva Lanza - June 07, 2018 at 11:09 AM

KW

“ Dear Stanley and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sadness. Tania was always full of life and love.

Katharine Wojcik - June 07, 2018 at 11:09 AM

DC

“ Oliver, I am very sorry for your loss and will keep your mom and the entire Gajda family in my thoughts and prayers. Please let me know if you and Linda need anything when you get back to SF.

Damon Curtis - June 07, 2018 at 11:09 AM

AM

“ Always enjoyed seeing her at the Elk functions. She had a friendly smile for everyone. So sorry to hear of her passing. Al Mancuso PER North Adams lodge 487.

Al Mancuso - June 07, 2018 at 11:09 AM

SA

“ Great History for your Mom Stan 3

STEVEN "BUBBA" GARDNER OIF1 US ARMY - June 07, 2018 at 11:09 AM

CK

“ Please accept my sincere sympathy for your families loss. I have great memories of her fighting spirit. God Bless you all.

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**Claire Kristensen** - June 07, 2018 at 11:09 AM

MS

“ Dear Gajda Family, Please accept my deepest sympathies for Tania's passing. I will remember her love for her family, her lovely accent, and giving spirit. She was a beautiful lady and I wish your entire family strength and love during this difficult time. Love, Monica Smith

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**Monica Smith** - June 07, 2018 at 11:09 AM

AZ

“ Dear Gajda Family In this sorrowful time, we would like to extend to you our heartfelt condolences. May our Lord comfort you and your loved ones. Anna Gajda Zimny and family

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**Anna Gajda Zimny** - June 07, 2018 at 11:09 AM

JY

“ Dear Oliver and Gajda Family, I did not know Tania Gajda, but she must have been a very special person. Her spirit shines and is imprinted in Oliver. She smiles on you.

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**Janis Yuen** - June 07, 2018 at 11:09 AM