



Silvia Margherita Ridings

May 1, 1924 - July 25, 2020

Silvia Margherita Ridings, our dear mother, succumbed to the effects of a stroke Saturday July 25, 2020.

She passed quietly and peacefully attended to by her loving daughter Linda who, along with her husband Cornel, had cared for her these past several months.

Margherita was an exceptional person whose long life was rich with various cultural and artistic experiences from both the old world and the new. Musically gifted, she was intelligent, quick-witted, with a wonderful sense of humor and an abiding ability to love, which evidenced itself whenever animals were involved...especially cats.

She was in turn loved by many and will be remembered fondly by all who knew her.

The sorrow we feel now cannot crowd out the wonderful stories we will share of her life.

Addio Mamma.

Tony Ridings

Margherita has been part of my life for 40 years; living with my wife, her daughter Linda and I several months out of every year for thirty years and full time with us for the past eight.

Needless to say she was as a mother to me. A delightful, intelligent, (she spoke four languages fluently!) dreamy, loving mother who surprised us at every turn. It will be strange and empty to not have her around.

She viewed her world as a romantic and as an artist.

I will miss her very, very much.

Cornel Rubino

Tribute Wall

CJ

“ Dear Linda, Cornel and Tony I have such fond memories of silvias visits to Atlanta. I send you my love.

Carolyn Jordan-white - August 21, 2020 at 08:56 AM

SA

“ We began to know her as Tony's Mother & over time came to love her not only as a vibrant woman related to our close friends, but as a treasure Jessica & I were fortunate enough to have built some wonderful memories with.

Stephen Allgood - August 09, 2020 at 02:33 PM

SH

“ Dear Linda ,Tony and family , I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Ridings was such a beautiful and original woman.She was always charming and genteel . My thoughts are with you❤️

Susana Harris - August 02, 2020 at 08:44 AM

JH

“ *Silvia Ridings, beloved mother of Linda and Tony and grandmother of my niece Adriana, was also my dear piano teacher in Italy. I would wait for Mrs Ridings in the chapel at Camp Darby. Mrs. Ridings would often arrive a few minutes late, looking so very glamorous with her hair beautifully coiffed. She would begin to explain something vague about her, Parruquiere”, but what I enjoyed most was how her story never Seemed to have a clear finish, ending instead with, “Ma....in somma”. Our lesson would begin and the moment I would look forward to the most- when Mrs. Ridings sat down beside me at the piano and demonstrated a piece for me. It was she who introduced me to Chopin’s waltzes and nocturnes and explained, his method of “tempo rubato”. I loved to listen and watch her hands as she played. Her playing really moved me and I was inspired to learn. As a teacher myself, I hope I too may inspire learning in my students as Mrs. Ridings did for me. I still play the Chopin pieces I learned with Mrs. Ridings. I have also taught my daughter to play one of the waltzes. Every time I hear Chopin I thing of Mrs. Ridings, and remember her looking so lovely and smiling beside me at the piano.*

Julie Harris - August 01, 2020 at 11:58 PM

AR

“ *Nonna, ti amo. Baci quando ti vedrò.*

Adriana Ridings - August 01, 2020 at 07:52 PM

LB

“ *May this tree breathe new life into the air in Silvia's honor.*

Lois Borgenicht - July 31, 2020 at 07:40 PM

JO

“ *Linda and Cornel, please accept our warmest condolences.
Sending love,*

Jorge and Olivia - July 31, 2020 at 04:31 PM

MR

“ *Dear Linda and Cornel, I am so very sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to you in this time of sorrow. Although I only met Silvia once, I will always remember her lovely smile, charming stories, and, of course, her amazing style. Please feel comfort in knowing that we will keep her memory alive and support you with anything you need. Your friend always, Maricela*

Maricela Rodriguez - July 30, 2020 at 01:22 PM

SH

“ *I am so sorry for your loss dear Linda , May her soul rest in peace
My deepest condolences to you and your family Suzanne*

Suzanne Hilal - July 29, 2020 at 07:59 PM

TS

“ *Silvia Margherita Ridings*

Tribute Store - July 29, 2020 at 07:17 PM

MJ

“ *Dear Linda and Family, I am profoundly sorry for your loss. My deepest condolences. Nothing compares to the loss of a mother. May she be at peace in the Lord's glory.*

MJ Jansen - July 29, 2020 at 04:19 PM

MA

“ *My deepest sympathies go out to you and your family. May God give you the peace that you seek.*

Mohammed Altaee - July 29, 2020 at 02:50 PM

MJ

“ *Sorry Linda for your loss may her soul rest in peace*

Mohammed Al Jubori - July 29, 2020 at 01:24 PM

MA

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. May God give you & the family comfort and peace during this difficult time. You will be in my thoughts and prayers! Sending much love, martina*

Martina - July 29, 2020 at 01:09 PM

EH

“ A beautiful, intelligent, complex, and graceful woman who demonstrated through her actions a delight in the small details. So many wonderful memories to treasure. These are just a few: Savoring in the afternoon’s tea being poured and exclaiming without fail: “che bel profumo.” Looking for and taking great joy in catching a glimpse of our white feral cat coming to eat on the back porch. Sitting outside relishing the morning sun in the garden and watching the birds come to the feeder. Exclaiming with glee and surprise in her eyes every time she was offered a chocolate. Indulging our chihuahua Cooper (who she considered to be “proprio come un gatto”) in his relentless efforts for her attention. Visibly relaxing when she heard the first notes of some of her favorite composers. Marveling and a day’s harvest of cherry tomatoes. Enjoyment in reading and commenting on all manner of books, newspapers, and magazines. Contemplating with wonder the details of the flowers as we walked along the aisles at the local plant nursery. On a family trip to Venice, I remember the delight she took in telling us her stories. As she relayed these experiences, it was easy to imagine a precocious young Margherita crossing la Serenissima on her way to study music at the academia. Ti ringrazio Margherita, Elisabeth

Elisabeth Harris - July 29, 2020 at 12:40 PM

MM

“ I met Silvia at Linda's home just during the last year or so, I remember her big smile and sweet voice. But I knew about her more from her daughter, and it is easy to tell how much love, admiration and respect exists in that mother-daughter relationship. I laughed sometimes at things Silvia said, re-told by Linda, like when she went to the ophthalmologist and told him that she \"didn't wat to see too much\" (smile). My deepest condolences to Linda and all members of her family. Love - Martha.

Martha Martinez - July 29, 2020 at 12:09 PM

MM

“ To a lovely woman, who had style, sense of humor, artistic, strong, and was the loving mother of a dear friend.

Martha Martinez - July 29, 2020 at 11:57 AM

PR

“ We are thinking of you during this difficult time.

Paul & Karen Richards - July 28, 2020 at 04:17 PM

MB

“ With all my love planting a tree in memory of your beautiful mother. God bless your family.

Maria Beltran - July 27, 2020 at 10:01 AM

LS

“ With loving memories of \"Silvia Ridings\",

Luba&Boris Stavitsky - July 26, 2020 at 04:42 PM