



## Martha Marti Zarkower

August 7, 1952 - November 26, 2015

Martha Zarkower, 63, of Perrysburg, Ohio passed away on Thursday, November 26, 2015 in St. Luke's Hospital. She was born on August 7, 1952 in Detroit, Michigan to Forrest and Barbara Norris. She graduated from Hazel Park High School in Hazel Park, Michigan, attended Wayne State University and graduated with her nursing degree from Avila College.

Marti defined herself as a caregiver, whether as a nurse or a mother. She was an astute, well-respected clinician. As director of nursing at North Shore Health Care Center in Milwaukee, WI, she was a pioneer, establishing their first memory care unit. Marti was an active volunteer for the Alzheimer's Association of America in Milwaukee and Toledo, OH. Her commitment to the community continued after she moved to Perrysburg, OH through her work with CASA and the Opera Guild and as a board member of the Collingwood Arts Center.

She founded Northwest Ohio Geriatric Care Management Ltd., her private practice to provide a personalized, holistic approach to elders.

Marti was sparkly. Everyone said she had panache. She was like a rock star, and everyone got to go along for the ride. Her effervescence was contagious; the first phrase she taught Buddy, her conure, was, "Can you groove?" She was generous in spirit, always willing to give her time and her laughter. She loved to garden and devoted hours to creating a beautiful sanctuary in her backyard where she and her beloved husband Jim spent countless hours. She planned the best birthday parties in the world for her children, parties with

moonwalks, carousels and ponies! She imbued in her children the value of lifelong learning and hard work.

She had a gift for recognizing and evoking humanity in those who had become invisible to others. She was a revitalizing force who infused life into wilting flowers.

Marti is survived by her children Nicholle (Mark Dworschak) Zarkower, Danielle (Theodore) Molla and Jonathan (Youngeun) Zarkower; one grandchild; siblings Clara "Sis" Byas, Forrest "Sam" and Gary Norris; and her former husband Dr. Alan R. Zarkower. She was preceded in death by her second husband James Reynoldson, parents and brother Grant Norris.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., Toledo, on Tuesday, December 1 from 2-7p.m., where Memorial Services will follow at 7p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may take the form of a contribution to the Alzheimer's Association or the Toledo Zoo.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 1. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614  
(419) 865-1295  
<https://www.coylefuneralhome.com>

## Memorial Service

DEC 1. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ On behalf of The Association of Two Toledos I send our heartfelt sympathy to Marti's family. She had many friends in our group who remember her fondly. We remember some of the fun get-togethers at her house for our group. She was a delight to have in our association and always ready to help with projects to encourage our sister city relationship between Toledo, Ohio and Toledo, Spain. We were very saddened to hear of her passing.



*Dagmar Varela  
President*

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**Dagmar Varela** - December 02, 2015 at 12:45 AM

MC

“ So very, very sorry to hear this heart breaking news. She was truly an Angel to all her patients... She will be so missed...

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**mary Cornell** - December 01, 2015 at 02:20 PM

RJ

“ There is a big empty hole in the world now that Marti has left us. She was a beautiful person who helped so many through their suffering and pain; yet she left us suddenly and without the chance to tell her goodbye. At the sudden end of her life I would guess that she was happy and satisfied that she had done her best to help her fellow men and women in so many ways - socially, in community service, and in health care. I can't imagine how any person could have done more in such a loving way. Those of us fortunate enough to have met Marti and had her nearby when we needed help and support have to realize that we were only borrowing this angel for her lifetime. May she rest in peace now with the man she loves. May her family find comfort and solace knowing that their mother and sister was a friend to all and a woman who reached beyond the confines of humanity to touch the hearts of everyone who knew her.  
~ R.J.

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R. J. - December 01, 2015 at 08:09 AM

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“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - November 30, 2015 at 03:18 PM

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“ Woori Church of New York, Haiti Mission Team purchased the Dawn of Remembrance Basket for the family of Martha Marti Zarkower.



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Woori Church of New York, Haiti Mission Team - November 30, 2015 at 03:03 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Martha Marti Zarkower.



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November 29, 2015 at 03:56 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Marti. We had a great time when we were kids spending the night at Grandpa Grant and Grandma Ruth's home in Ferndale. We kept in touch over the years and had dinner together on several occasions and I was fortunate to spend some time with her at her beautiful home in Perrysburg.

*I am sorry to say that I will be out of town on business this coming week and will miss the memorial service.*

*Love, Randy*

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**Randy Gillary** - November 29, 2015 at 02:52 PM



“ Marti and I go back a long ways .... How many times we met with our then children who are now beautiful thriving adults. It was with incredible sadness that we learned of the unexpected passing of Marti who will always be remembered. Marti was physically beautiful and personally wonderful individual who became one of our best friends. She will remain in our thoughts and prayers forever, and she will be missed, especially for the caring which she extended not just to us, but to everyone with whom she came into contact. Our sincerest condolences. The Bartley Family.

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**DBartley** - November 28, 2015 at 08:23 PM