



Majlis Anderson

January 7, 1925 - July 5, 2018

After 93 jubilant years of life, Majlis Anderson of Lake Forest passed away on July 5, 2018 surrounded by family. Born in Åland, Finland January 7, 1925, Majlis was raised on her family's farm of eight cows, two horses, and one pig. She met US Army sergeant Karl Harry Anderson when he returned home to Åland to visit his mother and attended a dance at which Majlis played the accordion.

Harry and Majlis married, then immigrated to New York City. She learned English by reading the newspaper and watching Westerns. Majlis ran their two-bedroom home, which included her husband, daughter Diane, two brothers, and a brother-in-law. She lived a dual-national life with family and friends both in the US and Finland, playing cards, dancing, and drinking coffee. They retired to Boynton Beach, Florida and, after Harry's death, Majlis stayed there another five years. In 2006, Hurricane Wilma encouraged Majlis to move in with Diane and her family in Lake Forest.

Majlis was the original "just-do-it" woman of three generations, a constant model of style, a warm heart with hugs at-the-ready for all, and a world traveler to the very end: she climbed all 284 steps of the Arc de Triomphe three months ago.

She is survived by her daughter Diane (Douglas) Nieman of Lake Forest and

grandchildren Carrie Nieman (David Emerson) and Andrew Nieman.

A celebration of Majlis' well-lived life will occur at 10 am on Saturday, July 14, 2018 at St. James Lutheran Church, 1380 North Waukegan Road, Lake Forest. Interment to follow at Lake Forest Cemetery. In deference to our beloved party girl, please wear appropriately colorful attire. For information contact Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest, 847-234-9649 or www.RTfunerals.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made in her memory to either: Access HEARS, 4102 Underwood Road, Baltimore, MD 21218, www.accesshears.org or Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Senior Citizens Foundation, 100 Old Mill Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045, www.lflbscfoundation.org.

Please leave a happy memory, or something special you remember about Majlis on her Tribute wall, the family would really appreciate it.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. James Lutheran Church
1380 North Waukegan Road
Lake Forest, IL 60045

Tribute Wall



“ *Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Majlis Anderson*



Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest - July 12, 2018 at 02:02 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Fondest Memories of Majlis*



Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest - September 13, 2018 at 11:38 AM



“ *Dear Diane, Doug, Carrie and Andrew,
we have been deeply hurt by the death of
Majlis. Our thoughts and prayers got out to
you. She really touched our hearts.
All our love
Eric, Sabine, Lars & Svenja Müller from Germany*



Eric - July 25, 2018 at 05:27 PM

HM

“ *Unsere Gedanken begleiten Euch und Eure Familie durch die schwere Zeit des Verlustes. Ihr seid in unserem Herzen und in unseren Gebeten.
Möge sie in Frieden ruhen.*

*Gott segne euch,
Heinz, Monika & Mick Strunk*

*"Our thoughts are with you and your family at this most difficult time of loss. You are in our thoughts and in our prayers.
May she Rest In Peace.*

*God bless you,
Heinz, Monika & Mick Strunk"
(Germany)*

Heinz & Monika - July 25, 2018 at 05:17 PM

GW

“ We thought of you with love today,
but that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday
and days before that, too.
We think of you in silence.
We often speak your name.
Now all we have are memories
and your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake
with which we'll never part.
God has you in his keeping.
We have you in our heart.
by Rose M. De Leon



Dear Diane, Doug, Carrie, Andrew and David,

these things are never easy to write, and with a heavy heart we extend our deepest condolences to you during this dark time. We hope that the love and support from your family and friends, including us, gets you through this time. You're in our prayers.

Majlis has always put a smile on my face and will continue to do so, whenever I think of her. She was such a long time part of my life and I really enjoyed every moment with her.

In 1993 I met Majlis and her wonderful husband during my Au-pair year for the first time and really soon she got a part of "my" family. I was able to share wonderful memories with Majlis in the USA, Germany and also last summer in Sweden. It was such a great gift to see my American family and my German family got into one big family. Even my parents, Heinz and Monika, had a wonderful time with Majlis. It didn't really matter that they couldn't understand a single word from each other. But sometimes gestures, hands, laughs and just the right feeling for each other can be more than 1000 words. I still have the picture from Heinz and Majlis in my mind, enjoying good glasses of red wine together.

I'm so glad that we had the chance to spent last summer in Sweden together. Majlis told me so many interesting stories of her life in Aland and Stockholm.

This summer we were able to visit her "Aland" for the first time. We found the little church she liked and we lighted candles in her memories and we all prayed for her. It gave us a peaceful feeling and we all felt so close to all of you.

All of those memories and many more will stay in my heart forever.

I send you all my love and the biggest hug to you! Let me know if I can do anything for you.

*Love, Gabi
Wolfgang, Mika & Emily*

Gabi & Wolfgang - July 25, 2018 at 04:43 PM

GW

“ 8 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Gabi & Wolfgang - July 25, 2018 at 03:52 PM

KJ

“ When I think about Majlis , I see a very nice looking little lady, just like a porcelain doll, so pretty.

She was always ready to go anywhere, openminded to any French experience. I am

glad her last trip was in France. And Paris. But Majlis came to Visit us so many times and enjoyed anytime.

A member of my host family is gone but will always stay in my heart. She was my host grand mother. The first time I met majlis was in Florida. 1994.

I will miss her.

Karine



karine Jouveshomme - July 17, 2018 at 05:01 AM



“ 9 files added to the album Fondest Memories of Majlis

She was amazing! As for the love you share for me, she will never be forgotten for my memories she will be in my heart!
I truly enjoyed Majlis, thank you for the great experience and for sharing information. She really got behind! (I know) I will miss her in the back of my mind. I am always thankful for getting to know her and will miss her.
Love,
Karin

MY FONDEST MEMORY OF MAJLIS
My fondest memory of Majlis was when we went to visit her in her apartment. I had dinner with her and Majlis and I had a great time. She was always ready to go anywhere, openminded to any French experience. I am glad her last trip was in France. And Paris. But Majlis came to Visit us so many times and enjoyed anytime. A member of my host family is gone but will always stay in my heart. She was my host grand mother. The first time I met majlis was in Florida. 1994. I will miss her.
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Love,
Karin

MY FONDEST MEMORY OF MAJLIS
I will miss a grand old lady who was always elegant!
FROM Madeline Jouveshomme

MY FONDEST MEMORY OF MAJLIS
I fondly remember how Majlis would quip at us with a touch of class and elegance for his gift of words, but would give us the laughter and about the same that made us remember family and together.
FROM Tim Greenberg

Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest - July 16, 2018 at 03:08 PM

RR

“ Rob And Susan Rejmaniak sent a virtual gift in memory of Majlis Anderson



Rob and Susan Rejmaniak - July 13, 2018 at 06:39 PM

FR

“ 6 files added to the album Flowers



Friends - July 13, 2018 at 04:19 PM

“ *In memory of our cousin Maj-Lis Anderson
from*

*Estrid Enlund with Johan, Christian & Frida, Alexander, Robin
Maj-Gret and Ken Merton*

Gunveig Karlsson

*Guella Gronblom with Kjell, Susanne, Nadja, Mats, Maximilian,
Nicolas, William*

*Elisabeth and Eugen Parkatti with Jarre, Lajos, Helena, Linnea,
Anna Felicia*

Henrik and Pirjo Wennerstrom

Clarice and Ole Wennerstrom

A poem in Swedish

Den allra sista gangen

En gang ar den allra sista gangen

Det sista steget nedfor trappan

Lampan som slacks

Ingen sager;

Nu var det sista gangen

En gang ar det sista ordet viskat

Det sista brevet skrivet och postat

Nyckeln vrids sista gangen om.

Dagen liknar de andra.

Du vet inte nar - och vill inte veta.

Men gladjen har alltid ett sista leende

Nagonstans drojer det kvar.

Nagon forvarar det – djupt i sin saknad.

Translated to English

The very last time

One day, it will be the very last time

The last step you take down the stairs

*The flame will go out
No one will say
"Now that was the last time"*

*One day, the last word will be whispered
The last letter written and mailed
The key will be turned the last time.
That day will be like any other day
You won't know when and you won't want to know.*

*But happiness always has one last laugh
Somewhere it's still left
Someone keeps it - deep in their memory*

Finnish Relatives - July 12, 2018 at 10:30 PM



“ *We will miss seeing Majlis at her childhood home, talking about memories from a long life both in Åland and the USA. She was always so full of life and energy, caring for and helping friends and family all around her. We will always remember the time we have had the fortune of knowing her, all the way back from their home in New York and later Houston. She will always be in our memories.*

Love from Berit and Dan

Dan Andersson - July 12, 2018 at 01:16 PM



“ 64 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest - July 12, 2018 at 12:56 PM



“ *Majlis has always personified the lifestyle and curiosity of everything that life can give. She was always so happy when she came to Åland. It felt like she was so young. But sure, for each time we understood that it could be the last one. And now, Majlis does not come to Åland several times. We cannot meet her again and hear her happy laugh from Jans's sofa in her beloved Haraldsby. We will not hear her telling us about the Åland time, about her friends here and how it was before she emigrated to the United States, when she was hanging out with Gunnie and all other friends in Åland. We know that Majlis has lived a very rich and happy life in USA and that her family has taken care of her in a fantastic way. Now she lives in our memories forever.*

Love from Angela, Tobben and our hole family



Tobben Eliasson - July 11, 2018 at 11:37 AM

MD

“ We were blessed to know Majlis and her husband before he passed for the past 35 years. She was a beautiful lady with a beautiful heart and she loved her family with a passion. She will be missed but what a wonderful life she lived! She leaves a legacy of a strong loving family and friends. We think of her fondly and my heart aches for your family. We send our love and prayers. Love you all. Mary Lou and Frank DiFuccia

Mary Lou and Frank DiFuccia - July 10, 2018 at 08:37 PM


Daniela
Dunn

“ I had the joy and honor to meet Majlis, as well as her husband, during my Au-Pair year with the Nieman family, when we were going on a cruise that started in Miami, Florida, and stayed with them for a few nights. I met Majlis again when visiting the Niemans in Chicago a few years ago, and when they were visiting California a couple years later.



My memory of her is that she was always so kind, friendly, upbeat and energetic. I remember being impressed when Diane told me Majlis was still playing golf at age 80-something, still driving and doing lots of other activities. Not to mention that she was still traveling with the family all over the continent. :)

I am sure you will miss Majlis dearly, so I'm sending you strength and my deepest sympathies and hope that the memories of her and her wonderful life will comfort you!

Please know that my thoughts are with you, Diane, Douglas, Carrie and Andrew.

Love, Dani

Daniela Dunn - July 10, 2018 at 06:32 PM

AK

“ We all went to Chicago to visit the Nieman family last summer (2017) and therefore had the lovely experience of meeting Majlis a lovely and funny person who despite her age was so full of energy and presence. We were all impressed by her good looks and sense of style. We will miss her warm heart and extraordinary personality and keep her in loving memory.
Love Anette, Esben, Mathias og Kirstine (Denmark)

Anette Villadsen Kjær - July 10, 2018 at 11:48 AM

EJ

“ My deepest sympathy to you all in this difficult time. I met Majlis only once back in Houston but I remember how sweet she was.
Love from,

Elisabeth

Elisabeth Joubert - July 10, 2018 at 04:57 AM

BP

Our greatest sympathies to all of you. Majlis had an active life full of experiences to the very end very much due to you Diane and your family who took care of her with tender loving care and included her in your many family trips abroad. Rest in peace Majlis 🌹

Berit Palin - July 10, 2018 at 05:40 AM