



Anja Sirk

May 1, 1931 - March 4, 2017

Anja has been promoted to glory March 4, 2017. Anja choose to come to this country in 1955 when she was 24 years old even though she was very proud of her Finnish heritage. She was proud to become an American citizen and was proud to vote in her first presidential election. She wanted everyone to know that she made a conscious choice to become a citizen but loved her homeland with all her heart.

She was a proud member of the Salvation Army Church for over 55 years where she served as a Soldier, Sunday School Teacher, and on the Advisory Board. She worked at the Salvation Army Thrift Store for over 37 years where she worked with and met a lot of friends.

Anja enjoyed watching her children and grandchildren play sports. Baseball and hockey were her favorites. She also enjoyed watching Detroit Tigers Baseball, the Detroit Pistons Bad Boys and the Kentucky Derby.

Anja was an excellent cook and hosted many meals for her family, friends, and political events. She was an excellent crafter and received the Blue Ribbon for Best of Show with her quilt. Anja had a dear heart and always made the best out of anything or any situation.

In 2004, Anja received the State of Michigan Volunteer Service Award for her

exceptional accomplishments as an American, continuing commitment to volunteerism, and exemplary efforts to improve the lives of others.

Anja's beautiful heart and spirit led her to touch many lives in the community. Her willingness to listen, share, give and teach by example was the epitome of spreading the Gospel to everyone she met.

Anja is survived by two children: Mark (Judy) Sirk and Debbie Sirk both of Sault Ste. Marie, MI; two grandchildren: Matthew Sirk and Stephani Leahy; and four great grandchildren: Olivia, Palin, Michael, and Maxwell Leahey. She is also survived by a Goddaughter: Nancy White of North Carolina and a close friend: Don Cooper of Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Anja was preceded in death by her parents: Otto and Lyyti (Oksanen) Lehtinen; and her husband: August Sirk.

A celebration of Anja's life will be held at the Salvation Army Church at 132 W. Spruce Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 on May 1, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. The services will be conducted by the Major Thomas and Belinda Riggs.

Tribute Wall

LA

“ *Anja. You are always on my mind & in my heart.
I know you're laughing up in the heavens as Deb and I goof off during our conversations via Facetime.*

I can hear you now talking about COVID-19 as I swear your daughter, my soul sister & best friend and I rant about it - Canada VS. USA.

You still bring joy & happiness to me & I'm sure many others.

I love you - until we meet again 🙏



Lara - March 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *Debbie, Our friend Rosemary had sent the sad news. I send my sympathies to you. I'm sending you a hug, too. You're in my thoughts and prayers.*

K.P. Pelleran - March 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ *RIP Anja, You will be missed.*

Nancy Soule - March 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *Remember your mom well, especially her smile, which she wore every time I was at your house.*

Randy & Bernadette Wagonmaker - March 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ My heart goes out to you Debbie and Mark. I have so many wonderful memories of your mom. Prayers and live going your way.

Jean Oberle - March 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ I remember her as a child when I would go into the Salvation Army thrift store. She was so sweet to everyone as an adult I stopped in with some of my family to see her and it is as if she remembered me from years ago. Everyone will feel her loss but I know she's where she wants to be. Our love and prayers to the family.

Donna Lorenz (Royer) - March 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I just wanted to let you know how much your mom meant to me. We got to visit with her and work along side of her almost every day. She not only worked at The Salvation Army, she made it a ministry to the customers. Anyone who had contact with her knew their life had been enriched. My son was only 6 when we moved from the Sault, but I remember how she worked to put together a costume for him. She loved making people happy including one guy who came into the store looking for a costume for a party he was going too. I remember him riding off on his motorcycle dressed as a bride with the back pinned together with the veil flowing in the wind. We all had a good laugh. Thanks Anja for sharing a few short years with the Ashcraft family. My love and prayers to Debbie, Mark and family. You were her pride and joy, next to get love for God and one of her favorite things to do, sauna and snow domes.

Jo Ann Ashcraft - March 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ I grew up as Anja and her family, she was one of my a Mom's best friend, Anja has a lovely heart and soul and her smile can light any one's heart. She will be missed everyday and rembered everyday.

Alisa Peters - March 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Anja was the nicest woman to me and my sibilings growing up, she was the highlight to our visits to the Red Shield Store. I hope she gets to see my Mom in heaven, they knew each other for years! RIP Anja, you shall be missed!

Jane (Thompson) Lanaville - March 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Anja was a delightful person. She always put a smile on my face and my husband Del's. She was kind, smart and witty. Anja was loved and appreciated by many. Our sincere condolences go out to her family.

Michelle Anderson - March 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM