



Tiiu "Tiina" Ristich

March 22, 1941 - September 11, 2016

Ristich, Tiiu "Tiina" of Plymouth, age 75; passed away peacefully at home on September 11, 2016. Loving wife of 56 years to Nick Ristich; dear Mother of Krista (Rick) Schneider, Lisa Briones, Stephanie (Kenny) Kopinski; proud Baba of Samantha (Travis) Faulkner, Anthony Briones, Christina Briones, Zachary Kopinski, Jake Kopinski, and great-grandmother to Easton. Nick and Tiina have been part of the Plymouth Community for the last 34 years as owners of the Cozy Café and Plymouth Manor Catering and Banquets.

Visitation Wednesday, September 14th 2 pm - 8 pm. Prayer Service 7 pm at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (Btwn Sheldon & Beck). Funeral Service Thursday, September 15th 11 am at St. Clement Orthodox Church, 19600 Ford Road, Dearborn, MI 48128. Mrs. Ristich will lie in state at church on Thursday beginning at 10:30 am. Interment will follow at Glen Eden Memorial Park Cemetery, Livonia. To share a tribute of Tiina, please use the Share a Memory tab on the web page.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **14.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

Trisagion Prayer Service

SEP **14.** 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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In state

SEP **15.** 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Clement Orthodox Church
19600 Ford Road
Dearborn, MI 48128

Funeral Service

SEP **15**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Dearborn, MI 48128

Tribute Wall



“ *Tiiu "Tiina" Ristich*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Hello Mrs. Ristich...I am so sorry to come to this site so late. Although its been years since we have seen each other, I remember the wonderful days of spending time at your home in Southfield. Be in peace...O.G. Rabara*

Augustus Rabara - February 07, 2021 at 09:27 PM



“ *I'm very sorry to hear of her loss... I worked @ the Cozy Cafe for 4 years! Tiina was very nice to me, the whole family was nice to me! I'll miss her! Rest in peace*



Court Holliday - October 31, 2016 at 07:14 PM



“ *Love and hugs, Dana (Stern) & Walied Deeb purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Tiiu "Tiina" Ristich.*



Love and hugs, Dana (Stern) & Walied Deeb - September 14, 2016 at 02:52 PM

SS

“ *My deepest condolences. Tiina was as beautiful on the inside as she was on the outside. Her beautiful smile and grace will be missed by everyone who knew her. Love, Sylvia Stern*

Sylvia Stern - September 14, 2016 at 02:43 PM

RG

“ *The Hostess with the Mostess. Tiiu always had a smile, soft voice and something nice to say to everyone. It was a pleasure to have her as part of our family. Peace and Love to her Family. ❤️*

Rose Good - September 14, 2016 at 01:31 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Tiiu "Tiina" Ristich.*



September 14, 2016 at 08:17 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Tiiu "Tiina" Ristich.*



September 14, 2016 at 07:39 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Tiiu "Tiina" Ristich.*



September 13, 2016 at 01:52 PM



“ *Tiiu and I shared something special. Both of our roots go back to Estonia. I'll always remember our chats and coffee at the Cozy Café, and, of course, her big smile. My condolences to the whole Ristich family.*

Maimu Looke

Maimu Looke - September 13, 2016 at 01:36 PM



“ *Kindness, funny, soft spoken and generous, this was a true "class act" that this world needs more of. My favorite of favorites she was truly one of a kind. Words cannot express the sadness felt by her departure, she will be missed but never forgotten from those blessed to have known her. Thank you Tina for showing us how to be kind and act better and find humor in the little things in life.*

PC

Paul Calley - September 13, 2016 at 08:49 AM

GS

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Ristich family and friends (and all of us who journey on). Tina is at peace. Getting ready to enjoy the eternal salvation and happiness (which she so richly deserves) at the right hand of our Lord and Savior.

Tina, smile down on us and pray for us until that day that we meet again.

Keep smiling and keep the faith (Tina always did)!

Greg & Robin Surma

Greg Surma - September 13, 2016 at 07:09 AM

KB

“ When I think of Tina I automatically think of the lake house. All of us girls would be there with the kids running around, blankets still on the floor, the kitchen in shambles (because of course we were eating) and Tina would walk in with a genuine smile on her face. She would hug me and thank me and my family for coming. I'm sure most of us in her position would have been thinking, "there goes my peaceful weekend," but not her. I can honestly say she was the most gracious person I've ever met and I'm proud to have known her.

Kim Bury - September 12, 2016 at 04:50 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Tiiu "Tiina" Ristich.



September 12, 2016 at 02:42 PM

LS

“ Until we meet again Mrs . Ristich❤️✨ you were a light that brightened a room and warmed a heart, you were one of the nicest people I have ever met. I will miss seeing your smile in person, however, I will always smile knowing that you are at peace and I had the utmost honor of growing up with you✨
All my live always, Lisa Stern

Lisa Stern - September 12, 2016 at 02:19 PM

LS

love

Lisa Stern - September 12, 2016 at 02:24 PM

KB

“ My condolences to the entire Ristich family on your loss.
Kelly

Kelly Brown - September 12, 2016 at 01:13 PM

JJ

“ My condolences to Nick, Krista, Lisa, Stephanie and their respective families. It's with great sadness that we continue our lives today without Mrs. Ristich, but with eternal hope that we will see her again and share a smile. Her kindness and loving nature will be greatly missed.

Jorge A. Briones, Jr. - September 12, 2016 at 10:30 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tiiu "Tiina" Ristich.



September 12, 2016 at 08:54 AM

SH

“ *Tiina was the epitome of 'walk softly but carry a big stick'. She was a sweet and gentle soul, one with never an ill word, but when she meant business, you knew it. A true class act. Her love of family was her priority, even to those who weren't blood related, like me. It was an honor and pleasure to be in her presence, to know her and to love her. She always had a profound word or sound advice. While she is no longer on this plane, her presence will always be felt by those she loved, her words never forgotten and cherished, her example of class forever remembered. Heaven received another beautiful angel on Sunday.*

Shannon Hall - September 12, 2016 at 07:44 AM

JM

“ *Her smile filled the room with warmth. Her heart was genuine and full of love.
Her laugh was infectious.
Her family was the most important thing to her.
She was an angel on earth. Now she's an angel in heaven. You will be missed by many, and It was an honor to be a part of your family.*

Jeff Morton - September 11, 2016 at 11:21 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Tiiu "Tiina" Ristich.*



September 11, 2016 at 09:34 PM

TT

“ I am so sorry to hear about Aunt Tiina. She was one of the nicest, most gracious person that I ever had the privilege to know. Even though I haven't had a lot of opportunity to see her since I moved, I always felt like she really enjoyed any visit and was so welcoming. When I would visit my dad in Michigan, one of the places that was always on my list to visit was The Cozy Cafe because I enjoyed visiting with her. I loved listening to her, she always seemed so happy. I'm sorry that I won't be able to make the service. I know that she will be missed by many, most especially her family.

Terri & Archie Tutor

Terri Tutor - September 11, 2016 at 01:18 PM