



Gina Tiefenthaler

October 28, 1963 - December 4, 2020

Gina Tiefenthaler, daughter of Alan and Marlene Tiefenthaler of Breda, died on December 4, 2020 and was laid to rest the following week in St. Bernard's Cemetery at a private family ceremony.

Gina's family is very grateful for the many generous expressions of sympathy, flowers, and gifts to the Breda City Pool Restoration Fund in her name.

The family now invites the community to celebrate Gina's life with a prayer service at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 18,, 2021 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Breda. Following the service there will be a reception at the Breda American Legion.

Gina Marie Tiefenthaler, age 57, of West Des Moines, died after weeks of battling COVID-19 on Friday, December 4, 2020, at UnityPoint Health, Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines.

There will be a private family burial on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at St. Bernard's Cemetery in Breda, with a Celebration of Life Mass for family and friends in 2021, at a date to be determined. Casket Bearers will be members

of Gina's family.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Breda, and online condolences may be left for Gina's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Gina was born in Carroll on October 28, 1963, to Alan and Marlene Tiefenthaler of Breda. As the oldest of four children, born before sisters Jill Tiefenthaler (Washington, DC) and Jennifer (Tiefenthaler) Maystadt (New Orleans, LA) and brother Jon Tiefenthaler (Breda), she lived her formative years in Breda.

After graduating from Kuemper High School, Gina enrolled at Iowa State University. She graduated cum laude from ISU with an English major before earning her law degree at the University of Iowa. She practiced law in the Twin Cities at Burd Bartz & Gutenkauf and Gray Plant Mooty and in Florida.

Throughout her life, Gina enjoyed exploring new places through travel, books, and film. She lived in Santa Fe, New Mexico and West Miami Beach, Florida, as well as the Twin Cities and Iowa. She was an avid sports fan and an accomplished athlete in her youth. Gina also loved her cats, Carl and Art.

In addition to her loving parents and siblings, Gina is survived by her siblings' families: Jill's husband, Kevin Rask, and children, Olivia and Owen; Jennifer's husband, Thomas Maystadt, and children Grace and Lily, and Jon's wife, Allisa Tiefenthaler, and children Raymond and Harrison.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial gifts be sent to the Breda City Pool Restoration Fund; P.O. Box 129, Breda, IA 51436. Gina loved the Breda pool as a child, spent countless hours perfecting her one-and-a-half off the tower as a teen, and had her first paying job there as a lifeguard.

Previous Events

Prayer Service

JUL 18. 2:00 PM.

St. Bernard'S Catholic Church

Tribute Wall

JC

“ I am very sad to hear this news, I know that it's Gina's birthday today, so I googled her, only to find her obituary. Marlene, Allen, Jill, Jennifer and John you have my sincere condolences and hugs. Love Jill

Jill E Corsner - October 28, 2021 at 10:40 PM

KM

“ My sympathies to you Jen & Tom and your entire family !! I remember well the one & a half at the Breda pool as a young girl ! I always loved break time when the girls did all there fancy dives & flips .. It makes me smile when i Think about it .. I remember it so well !! Thinking of you all 🙏



Kim (Molak) Murrell - July 08, 2021 at 11:21 PM

KO

“ I was sad to see Gina passed away December 4, 2020. I knew her from her time in the Twin Cities through the fellowship. We were great friends at one point. Gina was a wonderful kind person who I will miss greatly. Kevin

Kevin O'Brien - March 14, 2021 at 08:42 AM

LP

“ Dear Marlene, Alan and family. I was so saddened to hear of Gina’s passing. I have fond memories of playing basketball and volleyball with Gina at Kuemper. I have always held a very special place in my heart for the Tiefenthaler family. Take care you are all in my thoughts.

Best regards,
Lori Friedman Price

Lori Price - December 21, 2020 at 07:43 PM

LD

“ To: Alan, Marlene and Gina's family. We are so saddened to learn that your daughter, Gina, passed away. We just found out today. Our deepest sympathy to the family on your loss. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. May the Good Lord rest her soul.

Love
Larry & Diane Wilberding

Larry & Diane - December 14, 2020 at 04:07 PM

JO

“ To the Tiefenthaler family,

I am so sorry about the passing of Gina. We were classmates in high school. I have fond memories of Gina, she was a wonderful person. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely,
Joni (Pudenz) Tigges



Joni - December 14, 2020 at 01:47 PM

KL

“ Allen and Marlene.

*So sorry to hear of Ginas passing! I haven't seen Gina in many years but remember our time spent as classmates as a positive memory. I recall our going out for Junior Miss together and experiencing that "celebrity" competition. I will keep her and her family in my prayers. A life lived too short! Sincerely,
Kristy (Brincks) Liechti*

Kristy Liechti - December 13, 2020 at 08:49 PM

BR

“ As a young boy, I spent many hours at the Breda swimming pool - enthralled as Gina performed her one and half off the high tower - while songs from Olivia Newton John played on the speakers. Years later, Gina was also in a "Creative Non-fiction" course I took at ISU. On behalf of all the boys in Breda and at ISU, her talent and charm were captivating and enchanting. She will be missed.
Bill Rosener

Bill Rosener - December 12, 2020 at 10:34 AM

JC

“ Marlene, Alan and family, I am so sorry of the passing of your Gina. May you hold in your heart all the wonderful memories you shared with her. Hugs and prayers for all of you.

Jennifer Crowley - December 09, 2020 at 08:55 PM

MS

“ To Gina's family, my sympathy to you all. I have so many memories of our Breda school days and what a unique and spirited friend she was. This breaks my heart for you all as losing a child isn't easy. I have been praying for you all. Gina, wishing you peace and love in your next life. RIP.

Mary Ann (Wenzel) Schulte

Mary Ann Schulte - December 09, 2020 at 11:14 AM

SF

“ I am extremely sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the Tiefenthaler family during this difficult time.

Sue Freese - December 08, 2020 at 05:22 PM

TH

“ My mom just informed me of this news. I am sickened. Growing up in Breda and sharing car rides to Kuemper.....she always made me laugh. I am so sorry for your loss. :(



Terri Heisterkamp - December 08, 2020 at 12:11 PM

CS

“ My thoughts and prayers during this difficult time! Many great memories of playing basketball with Gina during high school! May your memories bring you comfort in the days ahead 🙏 Christy (Wessling) Sondall

christy Sondall - December 08, 2020 at 10:12 AM

KS

“ I am so sorry for your loss and sending love to your family during this painful time.

Krista Strahan - December 08, 2020 at 09:08 AM

CN

“ Tiefenthaler family: We were so sorry to learn of Gina's passing. Our hearts are breaking for you. May you find peace in the happy memories that you shared. Thinking of you as you face these difficult days. Wes & CJ Niles

CJ Niles - December 07, 2020 at 09:53 PM

JS

“ We were so sorry to hear about Gina's passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Tiefenthaler family. May she rest in peace.

Joe & Diane Schwaller - December 07, 2020 at 07:11 PM

JS

Mass will be said for Gina at St Bernard's in Breda, Sunday 2/14/2021 at 10:00 am.

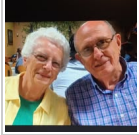
Joe & Diane Schwaller - December 11, 2020 at 06:08 PM

LT

“ Love Bob & Brenda Tiefenthaler purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gina Tiefenthaler.



Love Bob & Brenda Tiefenthaler - December 07, 2020 at 06:54 PM



“ You loved and lost someone special to you--caring thoughts & prayers are with you. May each tear that falls be a gentle reminder that you and Gina meant so much to each other and that no loss or sorrow, time or distance can ever take that away. When you love with all that you have, you grieve with all that you are. We hope and pray you will find new strength in each tomorrow. Phyllis & Vern Drees

Vern-Phyllis Drees - December 07, 2020 at 04:32 PM

NK

“ Marlene, Alan, Jill, Jenny, and Jon, We are so sorry to hear of Gina's passing. Such a terrible loss for all of you. Many prayers will be said here, and know that we are thinking about you. God bless the Tiefenthaler family.
Nancy and Jerry Kloppenborg

Nancy J Kloppenborg - December 07, 2020 at 04:29 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gina Tiefenthaler.



December 07, 2020 at 12:17 PM

JS

“ Marlene, Alan, Jill, Jenny, and Jon, I am do sorry to hear about the passing of Gina! My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this very difficult time. Much love to all of you and your extended families.

Julie (Gannon) Styvaert - December 07, 2020 at 11:55 AM

KB

“ Alan , Marlene and family.I'm so sorry to hear about Gina. I have alot of memories growing up in Breda and being friends with Gina. May she RIP.

Kim Boeckman - December 07, 2020 at 01:07 AM

TE

“ We are so sorry for your loss. It's a club no parent wants to be a member of and we feel your pain. Prayers and condolences to you and your family.

Steve and Terri Frickenstein

terri - December 06, 2020 at 04:24 PM

LK

“ To The Tiefenthaler Family,
I am so sorry for the loss of Gina, may she rest in peace!
Larry Koenig
Colorado Springs

Larry Koenig - December 06, 2020 at 03:17 PM

DO

“ My deepest condolences to her family. A fine athlete who I was lucky to write about at Kuemper!

Denny O'Grady - December 06, 2020 at 02:45 PM

SF

“ *The first memories that came to mind: Gina’s and Jen’s anniversary song, “Ray and Doreen had a clan”. This memory made me smile. The second was the Easter egg she gave my dad, her Uncle Tom. The oldest of the Polking cousins, Gina started the ADPi legacy. She was intelligent, athletic, witty and always in fashion. Much love in the coming days to my extended family, the Tiefenthaler clan.*

Sonya Polking Frickenstein - December 06, 2020 at 02:22 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gina Tiefenthaler.*



December 06, 2020 at 02:02 PM

CN

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to Alan , Marlene and family. Such a shock when we heard of Gina's passing. May she RIP*

Carolyn Nieland - December 06, 2020 at 07:44 AM

RP

“ *So sorry to hear about Gina. Heart breaks for you all. Gina/Jill/Jen/Jon were like my older siblings growing up next door. Hugs to you all.*

Ross Polking - December 05, 2020 at 10:11 PM

TT

“ Alan & Marlene, we were shocked last night when we got a text from my brother Mark that Gina passed away. Terribly sad. So many happy memories of Gina growing up in Breda. Our thoughts & prayers are with you! We would love to attend her Celebration of Life! At the Breda pool? 😞

Tony Tiefenthaler - December 05, 2020 at 08:56 PM

TB

We are so very sad to hear about Gina's passing. Thoughts and prayers to your family during this difficult time.

Todd and Jodi Bierl - December 05, 2020 at 09:54 PM

JT

Alan and Marlene, I am so sorry to hear this news. I have so many great memories in Breda with your family and playing sports with the girls. I will have your family and Gina in my prayers as she journeys home in the arms of the lord.

Jill Tegels - December 06, 2020 at 11:11 AM

CS

“ Our deepest sympathy is offered to Marlene and Alan, Jill, Jon and Jenny and Tom and Sandra too! RIP Gina!

Carol Gary Stark - December 05, 2020 at 07:08 PM

PD

“ Marlene and Alan. We are so sorry about Gina you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Don &Peggy Derner

peggy derner - December 05, 2020 at 05:57 PM

VT

“ So sorry to hear of Gina’s passing . You and your family are in our prayers

Verna Tiefenthaler - December 05, 2020 at 05:48 PM

DB

“ My sympathies to all of Gina’s family. She was in my class at Kuemper. Very beautiful tall girl. Always friendly and a star on the basketball and volleyball court!
RIP Gina

Debbie (Louis) Baur - December 05, 2020 at 03:33 PM

MT

“ Sorry to hear about Gina your family is our prayers



Marcia Tiefenthaler - December 05, 2020 at 10:28 AM

JU

Alan and Marlene so sorry for your loss. I will keep you in my prayers as will my family. y

Jim Ulveling - December 05, 2020 at 09:11 PM

HD

My thoughts and prayers are with you and so very sorry for your loss. Rest in peace Gina!

Holley Drees - December 08, 2020 at 06:50 AM

JR

So sorry for your loss. I remember Gina. I remember her as a great athlete, and so kind. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Joni (Huegerich) Reese - December 09, 2020 at 06:03 PM

RS

A smart, beautiful person! My sympathies!

Rob Schulz - December 09, 2020 at 08:40 PM

EH

Alan, Marlene and family,

I just heard a short time ago about the passing of your daughter, Gina. Please accept my deepest condolences. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Elaine (Ocken) Haubrich

Elaine Haubrich - December 14, 2020 at 05:34 PM

LJ

*Good to read so many happy memories of Gina. I have photos buried somewhere in a box of the girls holding our daughter, Kimberly when she was just a baby. Have enjoyed watching your family grow and hearing news of their exploits. Sad when an empty space appears in a family. Miss all of you since I don't get to Iowa much. She accomplished a lot in her all too short life. Hold those happy memories! RIP , GINA,, lovem to your family,
David and Linda Johnson*

linda Johnson - July 22, 2021 at 07:51 PM