



## Erika M Vance

April 5, 1936 - August 12, 2019

Erika (Huggy Bear) Vance of Middletown, NY has gone Home to The Lord, Monday, August 12, 2019. She was 83 years old.

Erika was born on April 5, 1936 to the late Erik and Maria Gramer of the former Czechoslovakia. Erika met the late Albert Vance in Germany where they married and he adopted Erika's daughters Angelika and Sieglinde. Shortly after, they gave birth to a son and daughter Albert Jr. and the late Hildegard. In 1968 the family moved to the United States.

Erika was well known in Middletown as "Huggy Bear" as she greeted everyone with a special warm loving hug. Erika loved spending time at Church outings and visiting as many local German Restaurants as she could. Erika has an extraordinary soul and would have done anything for the ones she loved. Family was everything to her and she especially loved being with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Erika is survived by her daughters Angelika Vance, Linda Dozier and son Albert Vance Jr. Grandchildren Edward, William, Marie, John, Jamie, Jeffrey, Timothy and Dorothy as well as 12 Great Grandchildren.

Remembrance will be held on Sunday August 18, 2019 during the 11:30 service at Family Church, 510 M&M Road, Middletown NY. A private burial will occur shortly after at Hillside Cemetery.

"Thank you everyone in my life for being so kind to me and know I am at peace with my Father God" - Huggy Bear

# Cemetery

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## Hillside Cemetery

Mulberry St

Middletown, NY, 10940

# Events

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## AUG Direct Cremation

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Cedar Hill Cemetery & Mausoleum

5468 Route 9W North, Newburg, NY, US, 12550

# Comments

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“ Mom you have always been there for me and you will sorely missed. I know you are dancing with the angels now. We sure loved to dance, didn't we!!

I know I was not always easy to get along with as a child and when I became an adult

we hardly agreed on anything.

But when we talked on the phone miles apart, we got along beautifully. The hugs you gave after our conversations will always be imbedded in my heart and soul.

I regret leaving New York knowing one day this day would come. You knew why I had to leave and never judged me but told me whatever I do you will always love me.

Your loving daughter,  
Sieglinde

**Sieglinde Dozier** - August 15 at 12:23 PM



“ Erica was one of the finest people I ever knew. I will miss her a lot. My prayers are with her family.

I thank God for the privilege of knowing Erica for the past 11 years, and being her friend.

**Maria Isaac** - August 18 at 03:12 PM