



## Maria Popescu

October 18, 1928 - January 8, 2016

Maria Popescu, 87, passed away peacefully at Spring Arbor of Apex January 8, 2016. She was born October 18, 1928 in Romania.

Maria was a woman of many virtues who was greatly loved by her family and made a positive impact on all those she met. Her joyful and enthusiastic spirit for anything that interested her was her mark of quality, and her warm and inviting nature endeared her as she embarked upon each new adventure.

While in Romania, she studied forestry where she combined her love for nature, for flora of all sorts, and even to a degree her indulgence of heights climbing trees well into her advanced years. After coming to the United States, as her manner was, she wholeheartedly immersed herself into visiting and learning as much about the diverse culture of the U.S. as she could. She worked at learning English even in her 70s, and climbed Chimney Rock to its peak in her 80s much to the admiration of onlookers.

More than anything, Maria was a kind and loving soul, doting on her family here in the U.S where she lived with them for the last 18 years of her life. She took great pride in dressing fashionably for any occasion to feel good about herself and to show grace and respect for those around her. She made friends quickly and easily even when the language presented a hurdle, through her expressions of love and care for others.

Maria will be deeply missed by those who survive including; daughter Dr. Elvira Chiritescu and her husband Dr. Mihai Chiritescu of Cary; sister Geta Popa of Romania, and cousin Ionel Amariutei of New Jersey. Maria was predeceased by her husband of 37 years, Stefan Popescu.

The family will receive friends Sunday, January 10th from 2-3PM for a reception at The Matthews House, 317 W Chatham St, Cary, NC 27511 with a prayer service following. After the prayer service, a committal service will be held at the mausoleum at Wake Memorial Park, 7002 Green Hope School Rd, Cary, NC, 27519.



# Cemetery Details

## Wake Memorial Park Cemetery

7002 Green Hope School Rd  
Cary, NC 27519  
(919) 465-0888  
<https://www.wakememorialpark.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 10.** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

The Matthews House  
317 W. Chatham St.  
Cary, NC 27511

## Service

**JAN 10.** 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

The Matthews House  
317 W. Chatham St.  
Cary, NC 27511

# Tribute Wall

YJ

“ *Grandma Maria was such a lovely, kind, beautiful woman. What impressed me most is her sweet and lovely smiles. In summer of 2009, when we first met her is to check the house for sale nearby. Although she said to us "No English", she kept waving with happy smiles. I suddenly felt so warm, like to be welcomed at home town. What a great lady! Just like my grandma! After we became real neighbors, we felt so happy and lucky to live with the best neighbor in the world. Elvira, Mihai and Diana gave us tons of help during the daily life. Grandma Maria was also sending us chocolate, flowers, lovely smiles every time we met her to show her love and care to others. We are so sad to lose her.*



*Grandma Maria, your sweet, lovely smiles will be truly missed!*

*Xingding, Jackie and Yanmei*

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**Yanmei Jia** - January 10, 2016 at 11:25 AM

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*Thank you Yanmei, Jackie and Xingding, for sharing these lovely memories and kind words you have about Maria! We love to hear stories about Maria and all the great moments our friends shared with her. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and friendship.*

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**Diana Chiritescu** - January 11, 2016 at 11:35 AM

YX

“ *Yanmei, Jackie and Xingding purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Maria Popescu.*



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**Yanmei, Jackie and Xingding** - January 10, 2016 at 12:12 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Maria Popescu.*



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January 09, 2016 at 09:36 PM

KR

“ *Kyriakos, Christina, Flora, and Raphael purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Maria Popescu.*



Kyriakos, Christina, Flora, and Raphael - January 09, 2016 at 04:31 PM

MX

“ *Much love, Tony, Rox, Hilton and Kate xxoo purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Maria Popescu.*



Much love, Tony, Rox, Hilton and Kate xxoo - January 09, 2016 at 03:25 PM

RA

“ *2 files added to the album Maria Popescu*



Roxanne Abrams-Cancel - January 09, 2016 at 02:36 PM

DC

*These are such great photos of Maria - thank you for finding and sharing them, Roxanne!*

Diana Chiritescu - January 11, 2016 at 11:37 AM

TI

“ *Tiffany, June, Mildred, Ionel purchased the Divine Light for the family of Maria Popescu.*



Tiffany, June, Mildred, Ionel - January 09, 2016 at 01:05 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria Popescu.*



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January 09, 2016 at 09:29 AM

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“ *3 files added to the album Maria Popescu*



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**Diana Chiritescu** - January 08, 2016 at 06:10 PM