



Maria Hovak

November 12, 2021

Maria Hovak, age 69, of Fredericksburg, Texas went to be with her Heavenly Father on Monday, October 25, 2021 at the Audie L. Murphy Veterans Hospital in San Antonio, Texas.

She was born in Amsterdam, NY in 1952, a daughter of John and Nina Hovak and was a 1970 graduate of Broadalbin Central School. Maria later attended Alfred University.

Maria entered the United States Air Force and served stateside as well as overseas. She was an elementary school teacher and provided tutoring for students until her retirement. Ms. Hovak was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Maria enjoyed many crafts, but was most passionate about crocheting. She created beautiful items to be treasured and gave away most of her work to family and friends. She loved talking about her projects and interesting pattern finds. Maria collected recipes and was a skilled baker. In recent years, she began researching her family genealogy. Maria enjoyed the times that she visited with her church family and often spoke about them.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her grandparents, and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Maria is survived by two sisters, Sasha Hovak and her wife, Beverlee of Danville, PA and Irene Hovak Ahrens and her husband, Ed of Ephratah, NY; a brother, George Hovak and his partner, Dena of Broadalbin, NY; a niece, Kerrie Hovak of Galway, NY; a nephew, Kyle Hovak and his wife, Melissa of East Amherst, NY; a great-niece, Gabrielle Hovak of East Amherst, NY; an aunt, Anna Witkowski of Broadalbin, NY; and several generations of cousins.

A graveside service with military honors will be conducted later this month at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas. A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date.

Local arrangements are in the care of Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. Johnstown. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of choice in Maria's memory.