



Dieu Thi Lister

December 23, 1949 - December 7, 2017

Dieu Thi Lister, age 67, of Eatontown, passed away in her home on Thursday, December 7, 2017 after her fight with cancer.

She was born on December 23, 1949 in Saigon, Vietnam. She was one of seven siblings and is predeceased by her mother, father and youngest sister. She had worked as an assembler for micro soldering at Eaton in Long Branch, New Jersey.

Dieu escaped war-torn Vietnam in 1970 and became a patriotic American citizen in 1973. She married the love of her life, Michael Lister, on August 27, 1976, and they raised three children together.

Dieu's happiest moments were with her beloved husband, children and grandchildren. She enjoyed all the family get-togethers, including birthday celebrations, holiday gatherings, family vacations and the many hallmark moments in life. Christmas was her favorite holiday. One of her favorite pastimes was cooking for her family. And oh could she cook! Vietnamese phở, bánh canh, eggrolls, summer rolls and even Italian and American cuisine that she learned after she came to America. Other passions included singing karaoke, working in her vegetable garden, rooting for the Yankees, late-night crabbing, fishing on the Navesink, and visiting Atlantic City to play the slot machines.

She lives in our hearts and leaves many fond memories to all who knew her. Dieu is survived by her husband, Michael Lister; her three children, Billy Lister and his wife Jeannie, Maria Wolf and her husband John, and Michael J. Lister and his fiancée, Valentine Vollmer; her four grandchildren, Brittany Wolf, John M. Wolf, Danielle Lister and Lauren Lister; her future grandchildren, Alexandra Vollmer, Vivian Vollmer and baby girl Lister due in May 2018; her mother-in-law, Rosemarie Lister; and her many brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 10, 2017, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Bongarzone Funeral Home, 2400 Shafto Road, Tinton Falls, New Jersey. All other services will be private.

Cemetery Details

Monmouth Memorial Park

4201 Hwy 33
Tinton Falls, NJ

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 10. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home
2400 Shafto Road
Tinton Falls, NJ

Tribute Wall

MW

“ *Maria Wolf lit a candle in memory of Dieu Thi Lister*



Maria Wolf - November 30, 2020 at 08:52 PM


Jeannie
Lister

“ *Jeannie Lister sent a virtual gift in memory of Dieu Thi Lister*



Jeannie Lister - August 16, 2020 at 12:03 AM

DL

“ *I miss you everyday Grandma* ❤️



Danielle Lister - June 30, 2020 at 04:54 PM

MW

“ *Maria Wolf lit a candle in memory of Dieu Thi Lister*



Maria Wolf - September 22, 2018 at 01:32 AM

MW

“ *Maria Wolf sent a virtual gift in memory of Dieu Thi Lister*



Maria Wolf - September 05, 2018 at 05:14 AM

 Jeannie Lister

“ *Lauren turns sweet 16! (But still a bit salty at times). MJ celebrates another birthday and his very first Fathers Day!*



Jeannie Lister - June 22, 2018 at 07:54 PM

 Jeannie Lister

“ *Michael J and Lauren's birthday celebration. It was MJ's first Fathers Day as a father and Lauren's sweet 16 but she's still a bit salty :) 🙄*



Jeannie Lister - June 22, 2018 at 05:13 PM


Jeannie
Lister

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jeannie Lister - June 22, 2018 at 05:05 PM


Jeannie
Lister

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Jeannie Lister - June 22, 2018 at 04:53 PM

MW

“ *Maria Wolf lit a candle in memory of Dieu Thi Lister*



Maria Wolf - June 14, 2018 at 07:47 AM


Jeannie
Lister

“ *Jeannie Lister sent a virtual gift in memory of Dieu Thi Lister*



Jeannie Lister - May 13, 2018 at 11:07 AM



Happy Mother's Day mom! We miss you 🥺

Jeannie Lister - May 13, 2018 at 11:09 AM

MW

“ *It's been 5 months and really miss you*



Maria Wolf - May 07, 2018 at 03:33 AM



“ *Jeannie Lister lit a candle in memory of Dieu Thi Lister*



Jeannie Lister - April 26, 2018 at 10:03 PM

MW

“ *Maria Wolf sent a virtual gift in memory of Dieu Thi Lister*



Maria Wolf - March 21, 2018 at 07:46 PM



“ *Saw some beautiful persimmons at the supermarket today and thought of you mom. Miss you.*

Jeannie Lister - March 04, 2018 at 07:25 PM

MW

“ *Maria Wolf lit a candle in memory of Dieu Thi Lister*



Maria Wolf - February 02, 2018 at 09:57 PM


Jeannie
Lister

“ *Jeannie Lister lit a candle in memory of Dieu Thi Lister*



Jeannie Lister - January 29, 2018 at 10:17 PM

MW

“ *Maria Wolf sent a virtual gift in memory of Dieu Thi Lister*



Maria Wolf - January 18, 2018 at 10:46 PM

MW

“ *Maria Wolf lit a candle in memory of Dieu Thi Lister*



Maria Wolf - January 07, 2018 at 08:42 AM


Jeannie
Lister

“ Jeannie Lister sent a virtual gift in memory of
Dieu Thi Lister



Jeannie Lister - December 30, 2017 at 08:47 AM

DL

“ Danielle Lister lit a candle in memory of Dieu
Thi Lister




Danielle Lister - December 27, 2017 at 06:00 PM

MW

“ Maria Wolf sent a virtual gift in memory of Dieu
Thi Lister



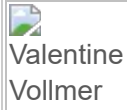
Maria Wolf - December 25, 2017 at 10:56 PM


Valentine
Vollmer

“ Valentine Vollmer lit a candle in memory of
Dieu Thi Lister



Valentine Vollmer - December 23, 2017 at 09:45 PM



Valentine
Vollmer

“ *Valentine Vollmer sent a virtual gift in memory of Dieu Thi Lister*



Valentine Vollmer - December 23, 2017 at 09:44 PM

MW

“ *Maria Wolf lit a candle in memory of Dieu Thi Lister*



Maria Wolf - December 19, 2017 at 11:16 PM

MW

“ *Maria Wolf sent a virtual gift in memory of Dieu Thi Lister*



Maria Wolf - December 13, 2017 at 04:13 PM

BW

“ *Brittany Wolf sent a virtual gift in memory of Dieu Thi Lister*



Brittany Wolf - December 12, 2017 at 07:13 PM


Jeannie
Lister

“ Jeannie Lister lit a candle in memory of Dieu
Thi Lister



Jeannie Lister - December 12, 2017 at 07:04 PM

DE

“ Dee Furlong Esposito lit a candle in memory
of Dieu Thi Lister



Dee Furlong Esposito - December 12, 2017 at 11:16 AM

DE

*Jeannie, Billy and family I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and
prayers are with you and your family*

Dee Furlong Esposito - December 12, 2017 at 11:18 AM


Jeannie
Lister

“ Jeannie Lister sent a virtual gift in memory of
Dieu Thi Lister



Jeannie Lister - December 12, 2017 at 05:23 AM

LM

“ I am so very saddened by your loss of a wonderful Mom , Wife Sister and Friend. I only had the pleasure of meeting Dieu one time and it was a joyful time. Thank you for raising a kind loving son who will soon be husband to my daughter Valentine and fates to our granddaughter. I know that they will keep you in her life REST IN BLESSED SWEET PEACE. LILLIAN


Lillian Meyer - December 10, 2017 at 09:44 AM

LM

“ Lillian Meyer lit a candle in memory of Dieu Thi Lister



Lillian Meyer - December 10, 2017 at 09:33 AM

 Valentine Vollmer

“ Dieu, thank you for creating such an amazing family. One that I am so grateful to become a part of. I was so looking forward to having you become my mother-in-law and grandma to Michael J and I's baby girl. Even more than that, I'm going to miss your sense of humor, your honest and direct opinions, and your loving heart. Also, your food. You were such an amazing cook and I appreciate the many meals that you sent home for us! I know that you loved angels and I believe that you are one now, watching out for us. I will miss you greatly. Love, Val

Valentine Vollmer - December 10, 2017 at 12:33 AM

MW

I love this Val ❤️ So sweet

Maria Wolf - December 10, 2017 at 12:50 AM



Valentine
Vollmer

“ *Valentine Vollmer lit a candle in memory of Dieu Thi Lister*



Valentine Vollmer - December 10, 2017 at 12:14 AM

BH

“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Dieu Thi Lister*



Bongarzone Funeral Home - December 09, 2017 at 10:21 PM

ML

“ Mom. Thank you for selflessly devoting your life to me and the family. As a gracious host, you were always that last person to eat whenever we got together. Thank you for teaching me not to be a bully and to root for the underdog. Thank you for teaching me that it does matter what other people think, but that it's important not to compare myself to others - especially to excuse my mistakes. Thank you for teaching me that honesty is the best policy, but that there are white lies - and black truths. Thank you for teaching me that it's important to believe in something greater than myself. Thank you for teaching me how important it is to serve others. Thank you for teaching me the importance of responsibility and loyalty. Thank you for reminding me to wear a jacket when it's cold, even in my mid 30's. I may have rolled my eyes but I would have changed nothing.

I cry when I think my unborn baby girl will never have a chance to meet you. I will do my best to tell her about you. To teach her the things you taught me. To love her the way you loved me. That love will continue forever from generation to generation. Your physical presence is no longer with us, but your love is immortal.

Michael J. Lister - December 09, 2017 at 08:59 PM

JL

Hello Mike,

You and I have not met, but I know you through Facebook. I am a friend of Val's.

I have watched from afar (in NC) as your love for one another has grown and now celebrate your engagement, commitment to one another, and anxiously await, with all of the others who love you both, your baby girl.

I had to stop and write – to tell you that I found your tribute to your mother heartwarming. I can feel your love for your mother, and your loss. And although I did not know your mother, I feel as though through your testament, I have a firm idea of the wonderful woman she was.

May she rest in peace and may you find comfort in the days ahead knowing that others are supporting you and your family. She will live on through you ... always.

*In Sympathy,
Joanne Lisa*

Joanne Lisa - December 09, 2017 at 11:58 PM

MW

Love this Mike ❤️

Maria Wolf - December 10, 2017 at 12:52 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dieu Thi Lister.*



December 09, 2017 at 08:50 PM



“ . purchased the *Basket of Memories* for the family of Dieu Thi Lister.



. - December 09, 2017 at 06:30 PM



“ *Families of Duc, Nguyet, and Thuy* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Dieu Thi Lister.



Families of Duc, Nguyet, and Thuy - December 09, 2017 at 05:54 PM



“ *Mom, thank you for all the sacrifices and all the memories. You are forever in my heart. I will miss you terribly and love you always. Rest In Peace.*

Bill Lister - December 09, 2017 at 05:14 PM



Maria Wolf - December 10, 2017 at 12:57 AM

KG

“ Kathy, Orlando, Trung, Lana and Grace purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Dieu Thi Lister.



Kathy, Orlando, Trung, Lana and Grace - December 09, 2017
at 10:43 AM

KG

“ Kathy, Orlando, Trung, Lana and Grace purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Dieu Thi Lister.



Kathy, Orlando, Trung, Lana and Grace - December 09, 2017
at 10:13 AM

AR

“ Mrs. Lister... The Matriarch. Your presence was there at every party I attended. Everyone seated around you at the table. And of course there were conversations, stories, some opinions, and laughter. I remember every private conversation we had. I walked away from them with a smile on my face bc I knew you were a champion for my happiness. I will be sad and miss those little moments. However, a smile will be on my face bc I will remember our last private conversation :) Rest now in comfort and peace. God Bless

Annie Reese - December 09, 2017 at 08:01 AM

MW

So sweet thank you Annie ❤️

Maria Wolf - December 09, 2017 at 09:10 AM



Jeannie Lister

Aww very nice Annie 🥰

Jeannie Lister - December 09, 2017 at 11:28 AM

BW

“ I cried when you passed away. I still cry today. Although I loved you dearly, I couldn't make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, heard working hands at rest. God broke my heart to prove to me that he only takes the best. I know you are now looking down at me so now I need to do everything I can to continue to make you proud. I love you more then anything in the world. I had you for 28 years of my life and I wouldn't change a thing. I'd give the world to have you back but you are now not suffering anymore. I'll miss you so much grandma. I love you.

Brittany Wolf - December 09, 2017 at 12:27 AM



MW

So Beautiful ❤️ Love this 🥰

Maria Wolf - December 09, 2017 at 12:39 AM



Jeannie Lister

She is so proud of you Brittany. This is beautiful 🥰

Jeannie Lister - December 09, 2017 at 11:28 AM

MW

“ Maria Wolf sent a virtual gift in memory of Dieu Thi Lister



Maria Wolf - December 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

ML

“Forty-five years in a coma, oh so many sweet dreams, let me never awake.

Bliss ninety-five percent, pain and horror five percent, enough pain to remind how wonderful the bliss is, contrast, never to awake.

Laughter smiles tears and frowns, friends for a day, friends for a life, family, oh what a family, wide-deep, flowing from the source, miles, miles from source to sea.

She is the source, flowing, growing, deeper, wider, to the sea. deeper, wider, stronger is we, we are the sea fulfilled from the source which is she.

and I wake, the source no longer on this plain but look at the lovely see, and in the sea I shall live and rejoice in the grace left behind from the source, from the source, for me I rejoice in the sea.

awake from the coma, from the dream, but not a dream, a reality to embrace and the source will see that the sea will embrace me.

the source "Dieu" the river "Billy, Maria, Michael J" the sea, Self, children, grandchildren, friends, all encompass the source which is Dieu

*Wait for me my love as I care for the sea, knowing I will join you when my journeys end
and I shall smile when I see you again*

let me never awake

Michael Lister - December 08, 2017 at 11:01 PM

MW



Maria Wolf - December 09, 2017 at 12:03 AM

KR

Our thoughts and prayers are with you Uncle Mike; thank you for being such a loving life partner to our Aunt Dieu. - Kathy, Orlando, Trung, Lana and Grace

kathy N ramirez - December 09, 2017 at 09:47 AM


Jeannie
Lister


So lovely. A beautiful, poetic tribute. 🥰

Jeannie Lister - December 09, 2017 at 11:23 AM


JoAnn
Hansen

Beautiful Uncle Mike love you!

JoAnn Hansen - December 09, 2017 at 07:44 PM


Valentine
Vollmer

I had no idea that you wrote such amazing poetry! This is so incredibly beautiful. Dieu was such a source of love and so are you. Thank you.

Valentine Vollmer - December 09, 2017 at 11:44 PM


Jeannie
Lister

“ *Jeannie Lister sent a virtual gift in memory of Dieu Thi Lister*



Jeannie Lister - December 08, 2017 at 10:43 PM

MW



Maria Wolf - December 09, 2017 at 12:03 AM


Jeannie
Lister

“ Jeannie Lister sent a virtual gift in memory of
Dieu Thi Lister




Jeannie Lister - December 08, 2017 at 10:43 PM

MW



Maria Wolf - December 09, 2017 at 12:04 AM


JoAnn
Hansen

“ I will always cherish the many memories of spending summers with my Aunt when I was younger to later in life relaxing by the pool and having a nice conversation while having a refreshing drink. Those summers I spent at her house she would make sure the house was stocked with all of my favorite snacks and she would cook for me all of my favorite dishes. I remember watching her cook trying to keep mental notes so I would know how to make the same food. I was only a kid when I spent those summers swimming in the pool, going to Maria's Barbizon classes, or playing on Michael J's star wars swing set, but in reality a bond between by Aunt and I was created that can never be broken. I will miss her dearly, but am thankful for all the wonderful memories I have. I love you Aunt Dieu with all my heart!

JoAnn Hansen - December 08, 2017 at 10:08 PM

MW

So sweet ❤️ Thank you

Maria Wolf - December 09, 2017 at 12:04 AM

JoAnn
Hansen

“ *JoAnn Hansen lit a candle in memory of Dieu Thi Lister*



JoAnn Hansen - December 08, 2017 at 09:52 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dieu Thi Lister.*



December 08, 2017 at 08:52 PM

BL

“ *Bill Lister sent a virtual gift in memory of Dieu Thi Lister*



Bill Lister - December 08, 2017 at 07:50 PM

MH

“ *I have many good memories of Aunt Dieu especially at the family parties at her home....her delicious food, her great smile, and the way she told stories. She always made me feel welcomed and part of the family.*

Michelle Hansen - December 08, 2017 at 07:41 PM



Jeannie Lister

Yes, those were great parties. Nice getting the family together and partying throughout the night.

Jeannie Lister - December 08, 2017 at 07:50 PM



MW

So Sweet ❤️ Thank you

Maria Wolf - December 09, 2017 at 12:05 AM



JW

“ John Wolf sent a virtual gift in memory of Dieu Thi Lister



john wolf - December 08, 2017 at 06:49 PM



JW

“ John M Wolf lit a candle in memory of Dieu Thi Lister



John M Wolf - December 08, 2017 at 05:45 PM



DO

“ Don lit a candle in memory of Dieu Thi Lister



Don - December 08, 2017 at 03:03 PM


Jeannie
Lister

“ 48 files added to the album Family Photos



Jeannie Lister - December 08, 2017 at 03:01 PM

LA

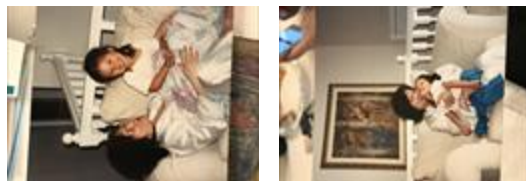
“ Lauren lit a candle in memory of Dieu Thi Lister



Lauren - December 08, 2017 at 01:03 PM

DL

“ You will forever be in my heart grandma, and it hurts knowing I can't create new memories of you. Rest in paradise xoxo, Danielle



Danielle Lister - December 08, 2017 at 12:50 PM



Jeannie Lister

Beautiful. "So much love!" That's what she would say while giving you kisses and hugs when you were little.

Jeannie Lister - December 08, 2017 at 05:13 PM



MW

Love this ❤️

Maria Wolf - December 09, 2017 at 12:06 AM



MW

“ *Maria Wolf lit a candle in memory of Dieu Thi Lister*



Maria Wolf - December 08, 2017 at 12:49 PM



LF

“ *Lieu, Don, Thor, JoAnn & Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Dieu Thi Lister.*



Lieu, Don, Thor, JoAnn & Family - December 08, 2017 at 12:46 PM



LH

“ *Dear Sister.*

*You will never leave my heart.
I will cherish our memories together forever.*

Lieu

Lieu Hansen - December 08, 2017 at 12:30 PM

MW

Love this Aunt Lieu ❤️

Maria Wolf - December 08, 2017 at 12:55 PM

GT

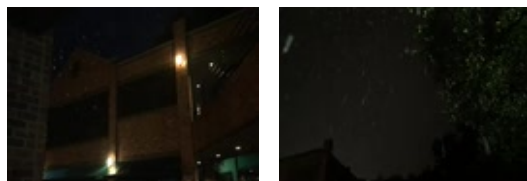
“ *GATEWAY DAY TREATMENT purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Dieu Thi Lister.*



GATEWAY DAY TREATMENT - December 08, 2017 at 12:13 PM

KG

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Kathy, Orlando, Trung, Lana and Grace - December 08, 2017 at 11:52 AM

KG

“ *This is totally unheard of here in Texas from all the way south in Harlingen, Corpus Christie to further North in Austin and Georgetown; it was magical, surreal and beautiful. This one is for you Aunt Dieu. May you be at peace.*



Kathy, Orlando, Trung, Lana and Grace - December 08, 2017 at 11:50 AM

MW

Thank you ❤️

Maria Wolf - December 09, 2017 at 12:08 AM

BL

“ *Bill Lister lit a candle in memory of Dieu Thi Lister*



Bill Lister - December 08, 2017 at 10:41 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Dieu Thi Lister.*



December 08, 2017 at 10:35 AM

PS

“ *What I will always remember about Dieu is her devotion to her husband Michael, her children and her grandchildren. I hope the memories they have of her bring comfort in their time of sorrow.*
Aunt Pat Serafino

Pat Serafino - December 08, 2017 at 10:23 AM



Jeannie Lister

So true. Thank you Aunt Patty.

Jeannie Lister - December 08, 2017 at 05:08 PM

MW

Very Sweet Thank you ❤️

Maria Wolf - December 09, 2017 at 12:06 AM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dieu Thi Lister.*



December 08, 2017 at 09:28 AM



“ *The Wu family (Paul Betty Ray Annie Jimmy) purchased the Ever Upward Bouquet for the family of Dieu Thi Lister.*



The Wu family (Paul Betty Ray Annie Jimmy) - December 08, 2017 at 09:16 AM



“ *Billy Jeannie Danielle Lauren purchased the Loving Grace for the family of Dieu Thi Lister.*



Billy Jeannie Danielle Lauren - December 08, 2017 at 09:00 AM



“ *Cuong, Bianca, Emelie, and Jolie purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Dieu Thi Lister.*



Cuong, Bianca, Emelie, and Jolie - December 08, 2017 at 08:19 AM


Jeannie
Lister

“ *Jeannie Lister lit a candle in memory of Dieu
Thi Lister*



Jeannie Lister - December 08, 2017 at 07:33 AM

JE

“ *Dearest Mom,
You and Pop are our tree, our center and base, and we are the
branches, extending to the sky and heavens above. And like all
trees with deep, far reaching roots, you've made us strong with your
love and nurturing, guidance and teachings. And now you are the
light in heaven, transcended but forever near and dear to our
hearts. We will treasure our memories of you always, supporting
and loving each other as you did, and we will continue to grow and
make you proud, reaching our branches up to the sky, ever closer to
your light...until we meet again.
Much love,
Jeannie*

Jeannie - December 08, 2017 at 07:28 AM

MW

Beautiful

Maria Wolf - December 08, 2017 at 01:17 PM

JM

*So sorry to hear of Dieu's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with
you all. Cousin Judy and Tom Mapston*

Judy Mapston - December 09, 2017 at 04:06 PM

MC

*Dear Michael and Family,
We are so sorry to learn of Dieu's passing. Our thoughts and prayers
are with you all at this sad time, and we wish you inner peace and
strength. We never saw Dieu without a smile and know that she is
smiling down on her family now.
Sincerely, Jim and Maura Carhart*

Maura Carhart - December 10, 2017 at 09:25 AM