



Anne Marjatta Vainikka Thomas

July 31, 1958 - June 11, 2018

Anne Marjatta Vainikka
Thomas, born July 31, 1958 in

Vancouver, Washington, grew up in Tampere, Finland, and died on June 11, 2018 in Newark, Delaware after a short battle with cancer.

Anne loved language and had accomplished much in the field of linguistics. She traveled to many countries and had Christian friends as well as acquaintances around the world. Her quiet strength, compassion, and intellectual curiosity drew people to her. But above all, her living faith was most precious to her, and she showed a simple, loving example as a life-long member of the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church.

Anne was preceded in death by her parents, Toivo and Marjatta Vainikka; and her infant daughter Irina in 1999. She leaves behind her

husband of 27 years, Inigo, and sons Aksel, 21, and Ashok, 14.

She is also survived by eight siblings: Helena (Keith) Abernathy and Virpi (Andrew) Wirntanen of Battle Ground, WA; Johanna (Thomas) Anderson of Vancouver, WA; Markku (Marja-Leena) Vainikka of Oulu, Finland; Minna (Leif) Erickson of Watertown, SD; Maarit Hurkett of Pitstone, England; Katri (Kent) Witzel of Battle Ground, WA; and Mari-ka (Matthew) Sarkinen of Brush Prairie, WA, as well as numerous nieces and nephews along with a large host of other family members and dear friends, who all hope to meet her again in that Heavenly home.

Funeral services for Anne were held on Saturday, June 16, 2018 in Newark, Delaware.