

my adult sandbox” - visiting the Perraudeau farm and devoting time to be a loving mother to Samuel and Eva. It was a charmed French country life which they embraced.

After living in France for eleven years, Maria wanted her family to experience life in Canada. Moving to Toronto in 2011 Maria started with Canada Basketball as Director of Marketing and Partnerships, and later as Executive Director of their foundation. She handled major responsibilities conscientiously, yet managed to brighten challenging situations with her quick sense of humour. During her battle with cancer she often said “can’t wait to get this cancer business all over with and return back to Canada Basketball “.

Sadly in July 2019 Maria was diagnosed with breast cancer. Throughout her treatments she kept her optimism and determination to beat this vicious disease, never complaining. Until the very end she kept her poise and her sense of humour. Out of this difficult journey Maria treasured the extra time that she had to spend at home with Thomas, Sam and Eva. Maria had a habit of writing little notes to express her feelings. As we say goodbye to Maria-Leena, here’s a quotation from one of her notes of May 6, 2023

“I want to be remembered as ...

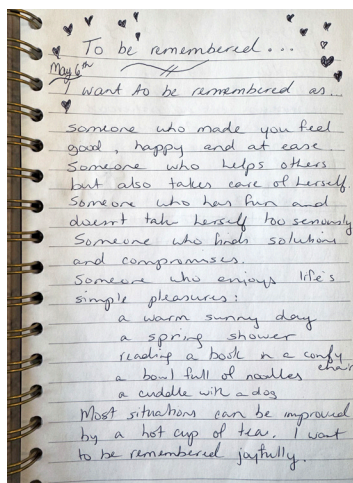
Someone who made you feel good, happy and at ease.

Someone who helps others but also takes care of herself.

Someone who has fun and doesn’t take herself too seriously.

Someone who finds solutions and compromises.

Someone who enjoys life’s simple pleasures ...”



Maria-Leena Clarke Logodin

October 1, 1972 - January 11, 2024

ORDER OF SERVICE

MARIA-LEENA CLARKE LOGODIN

PRELUDE

WELCOME - Terry

POEM - Jennifer

OPENING THOUGHTS - Terry

TRIBUTES - Eva-Leena & Samuel

MEMORIAL VIDEO

TRIBUTES - Coreen & Pauline

SONG

WORDS OF COMFORT - Terry

TRIBUTE - Vincent

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS - Thomas

CLOSING SONG - Ce matin-là



Maria-Leena passed away on January 11, 2024 in the loving presence of her husband Thomas Logodin, children Samuel and Eva-Leena, her parents Michael and Kirsti Clarke, her brother Eric, his wife Jennifer and children Michael and Hanna. She also leaves behind her mother-in-law Yanette Logodin in France, brother-in-law Frederic and his family in Madrid and close relatives in Australia and Finland. Maria-Leena was a very special person and is greatly missed by her family as well as a huge group of friends all around the world.

Maria led a charmed life. She grew up in Saskatchewan, was very proud of her prairie roots and always kept close contact with her school and university friends there. During university breaks she worked as a guide at Vimy Ridge, Canada's First World War Memorial in France, for three terms and also as a guide at the Saskatchewan Legislature. These experiences gave her a taste of public relations and led to her successful 17 year career as a sports executive.

Having traveled a lot during family holidays in her childhood and youth, she wanted to explore the world. After finishing university she settled in Paris where she first worked in the European headquarters of the Disney Corporation, and then later with Eurosport. Maria loved her work and was a natural in communication for organizing major sports events for Eurosport such as Olympic Games in Athens and Beijing, winter games in Sochi, Champion's League final in Moscow, etc. She had an ability to relate to people with ease in both business and social situations. With her infectious smile and talent in communication she made friends everywhere she lived, worked and travelled.

At Eurosport she met Thomas and fell in love. In 2004 they married in a fairytale wedding in Tombeboeuf, Thomas' childhood village in southwest France where they started their family. Flying back and forth each week to work in Paris, Maria loved returning on weekends to Thomas and their simple country life, cooking for her family and friends, gardening - she referred to it as "playing in