



Miriam "Mim" Enck

August 14, 2021

It is with profound sadness that we share the unexpected passing of Miriam "Mim" Enck, 75 of Mount Gretna, on Saturday, August 14, 2021, at Lancaster General Hospital following a very brief illness. Born in Willow Street, PA, Mim was the daughter of the late Frank & Betty Enck. Her husband, Walter Progner, preceded her in death along with her brother, Jesse Enck. Mim is survived by her sisters, Ann Shertzer and Mary Reitz, and a brother, Daniel Enck, along with her nieces/nephews & grand nephews who had a special relationship with "Auntie."

Mim had a "je ne sais quoi" about her. To her friends around the world, of whom there were many, Mim was a particular favorite. Her professional background is very storied. She studied under Julia Child, television's French Chef, Diana Kennedy, whose book *The Cuisines of Mexico* started changing how Americans view Mexican cooking, and Marcella Hazan, who was considered by chefs and fellow food writers to be the doyenne of Italian cuisine. These chefs were not only teachers, but personal friends, too.

Mim loved to entertain. Whether it was a casual brunch or dinner, not only was the food amazing and memorable, but it was a special presentation involving crystal, china, and linens, along with a good bottle of wine. Although she has lived in Mount Gretna for many years, her home in Santa Fe was a special place that gave her a chance to recharge. She loved the beautiful sunsets and

opera performances at the famous Santa Fe Opera House.

Following her marriage to Walter Progner, entrepreneur and founder of the East Indies Coffee & Tea Company, Mim became devoted to studying the fascinating world of coffee and tea. Walter and Mim traveled throughout the world to coffee bean growing regions and various Far East countries to select tea. Mim was one of the world's leading and most passionate authorities on tea, from brewing, serving, and enjoying it, to the delightful art of cooking with tea. Mim continued to run this thriving business after Walter's passing, serving customers throughout the country, enriched by strong personal relationships with their many customers and friends.

Funeral services will be private. If desired, memorial contributions may be made in Mim's name to Black Rock Retreat, 1345 Kirkwood Pike, Quarryville, PA 17566. This organization was founded in 1954 by Mim's father, Frank Enck.

Tribute Wall



“ *Miriam "Mim" Enck*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *I worked for Mim and Walter, I loved them both. They were such an amazing influence on the person I've become. I'll never forget the privilege of helping to develop teas for the product line. She was always so willing to share her expertise. She was a force to reckon with. She will be greatly missed.*

Sue Scott - April 28, 2022 at 09:39 AM



“ *Jutta lit a candle in memory of Miriam "Mim" Enck*



Jutta - October 03, 2021 at 05:41 AM



“ *While I did not know Mim, I just heard of her passing and know she made some great teas!!! Hoping the business continues in her absence and I'll be ordering some tea in her memory!*

Stu Metzler - September 30, 2021 at 09:39 AM

DS

“ Daniel S. lit a candle in memory of Miriam "Mim" Enck



Daniel S. - September 08, 2021 at 10:18 PM

BR

“ Brendan P Reed. lit a candle in memory of Miriam "Mim" Enck



Brendan P Reed. - September 07, 2021 at 11:18 PM



“ Claire Progner lit a candle in memory of Miriam "Mim" Enck



Claire Progner - September 06, 2021 at 11:27 PM

LC

“ I was shocked to read today about Mim's passing. She was always a delight when speaking with her at the Tea Expo's or on the phone when asking so many questions about tea. She will be missed.
Louise Carruth
Little Candle Tea Co.

Louise Carruth - August 26, 2021 at 10:25 AM

RS

“Mim introduced me to East Indies tea at the Tea Expo in 2016., where I met her and Nell for the first time. She was so proud of the East Indies product and I have been a customer ever since. So much sorrow is felt across the tea world and many prayers are being sent from our family to hers. Deepest sympathies to all. Regina and team at The Certaintea.

Regina Schwaebler - August 26, 2021 at 09:29 AM

BJ

“An exceptional woman who was always in support of other women in the tea industry that she loved so much. I was privileged to have served with Mim for a number of years on the World Tea Expo Board, one of the many ways she contributed to our industry. She was a remarkable member of our community and her kind thoughtful spirit will be greatly missed. May you Rest In Peace Dear Mim

Beth Johnston - August 25, 2021 at 04:33 PM



“So sorry to hear of Mim's passing. She was a beautiful soul and we shared many beautiful moments at the Tea Expos and through e-mail and messages. She had a special bond with Rajah Banerjee, my brother-in-law, who will be deeply saddened to hear of her loss. May you rest in peace, Mim. I will miss your spirit.

Anupa Mueller

Anupa Mueller - August 25, 2021 at 04:17 PM

TS

“ *The Engle Family(Engle's Body Shop) purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Miriam "Mim" Enck.*



The Engle Family(Engle's Body Shop) - August 25, 2021 at 09:06 AM

JU

“ *We spent so wonderful days together and planned to be together again soon.*

We cannot believe that Mim passed away. We will miss her.

She and Walti and the wonderful memories we have with them will always be part of us.

We are sure that you and Walter are together watching us to see if the Tango-lessons you gave us, were helpful.

We are thankful that we were able to call you and Walter our friends.

Klaus and Jutta



Jutta - August 25, 2021 at 05:40 AM

JU

“ We called each other soul-sisters.

I am so sad to hear of her passing and I miss her so much.

Hopefully she will be at wonderful place with a cup of tea and good music and Walti by her side.

Your soul-sister Jutta in Hamburg / Germany



Jutta - August 25, 2021 at 05:34 AM

ES

“ This is shocking and I'm so sad to hear of her passing. We were just emailing each other 2 weeks ago. Mim was so supportive of me early in my tea journey when I had just started my business. Our meet ups in Vegas we're always delightful and we always spoke about how we needed to stick together as women in tea. She will be missed dearly.

Elise Scott - August 22, 2021 at 09:16 PM

LR

“ Mim was such a light to the tea community. She was a kind and honest person. What a treasure it was for me to see her in late June at WTE this year. We hugged and chatted and then had a follow up phone call to catch up. What a blessing and I will cherish that memory. The tea community has lost a gem.

Lisa Richardson - August 21, 2021 at 04:34 PM

RG

“ It's impossible to isolate just one of the many many fine memories of Mim. She will be missed on so many levels and at so many occasions. A loss to all of us, may she truly rest in peace. I think I speak for many when I say, 'we love you Mim, thanks for everything you've brought into our lives'.

richard guzauskas - August 20, 2021 at 02:33 PM

JP

“ Mim, dear friend--what an exemplary tea sister you have always been to me. How we've all admired and loved you, none more than your Walter. We grieve with him
--james norwood pratt

james norwood pratt - August 19, 2021 at 09:09 PM

MR

“ We had many good times together when we were young. She was a dear, special friend Mary Rhodes

Mary rhodes - August 19, 2021 at 08:51 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the family. I was so happy that I was able to go out to dinner with Mim in April when I came to Pennsylvania from Florida. She was a great cousin.

Charles Reist - August 19, 2021 at 02:36 PM

CR

“ Charles R. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Miriam "Mim" Enck.



Charles R. - August 19, 2021 at 02:30 PM

EJ

“ I'm saddened to hear about Mim's passing. I remember meeting her and her husband in the early 90's, when the whole idea of specialty tea was very new. I generally only saw her at industry events, where she was unfailingly courteous, kind, and always showed a certain sophisticated air. It was always a pleasure to see her face and check in every year or two.

My condolences to the family.

Regards,

Eliot Jordan

Eliot Jordan - August 19, 2021 at 12:06 PM

LP

I have known Mim for over 15 years and all that time she has been a very gracious and kind person. Even though we had met in person only a few times, mainly at tea trade shows, It has been my privilege to have known her.

Lalith Parnavitana

Lalith Parnavitana - August 19, 2021 at 08:36 PM

AP

I have known Mim for many years. She was kind, sophisticated and was always available for everyone. I feel very fortunate to have known such a lovely soul. My condolences to her family and friends. She will be missed by so many!

Alice Pepper - August 28, 2021 at 05:38 AM

SS

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Scott Svihula - August 19, 2021 at 11:39 AM

BR

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Bruce Richardson - August 19, 2021 at 11:34 AM

BR

Shelley and I mourn the passing of our dear friend in the world of tea. Mim and I traveled through Sri Lanka in 2003 with STI and stopped over in London on the way home for an afternoon tea down the street from Windsor Castle. A year later, she and Walter hosted us in their home when we traveled through Pennsylvania. We always rushed over to see her during the expo set-ups in order to pick up our conversations where we had left off some time ago. She personified the expression "a person filled with tea".

Bruce Richardson - August 19, 2021 at 11:43 AM

RI

Two of the Tea Industries most wonderful people. What a pleasure it is to see this photo.

richard - August 20, 2021 at 02:30 PM

SS

“ I was saddened by the news of Mim's passing. I have known Mim for as long as I can remember. We served together on the STI Advisory Board. She was a great person and I learned a lot from her. When I started Hula Consulting, Mim and Walter, were one of my first clients and we continued to work together over the years and developed a wonderful friendship and mutual respect. She will be missed by many in the coffee and tea industries!



Scott Svihula - August 19, 2021 at 11:27 AM

LA

“ I am sorry to read of Mim's passing as she was such a wonderful inspiration when she worked with my mother, Marianna Hagan, at Chef's Bazaar Cooking School in Lancaster. Great memories of Mim and my mom coming up with their classes to teach and having all of those recipes typed, proofed, copied, and ready to go. Along with having all of the food purchased and prepped by day of the classes. It was quite a feat in itself all to get done while Mim breezed in with her flair looking quite chic. I was in awe to say the least. I still pull out the Chef's Bazaar recipes with quite fond memories that I still cherish. Mim's Mile High Apple Pie is still one of my favorites. I can only imagine the feast she will be preparing and sharing with all of her loved ones in Heaven. The table will be beautiful and abundant with Mim's special touch. Rest in Peace Mim ~ I'm sure Marianna and Hank will have a Manhattan along with a few appetizers and hors d'oeuvres waiting for you. Peace to the family as you too remember all of the memories of Mim touching so many lives.

Lisa Hagan Alexander - August 18, 2021 at 11:05 PM

WI

“ To the family of Mim, I share in your sorrow but I'm happy to have shared in her journey.

Rest In Peace Mim.

Bill Klein

William Klein III - August 18, 2021 at 07:24 PM

NB

“ I am so sad to hear this. I worked with Mim many years ago at Fleur de Lait Foods. We exhibited at the Fancy Food Show in NYC. Mim's food displays were artistic and beautiful! But even more than that she was a beautiful soul. 🙏❤️

nancy boyd - August 18, 2021 at 10:31 AM

KM

“ *Deepest Sympathy*
Kenny G Myers

Kenny Myers - August 18, 2021 at 10:16 AM