



Marilynn R. McGuirl

February 17, 2025

Marilynn Rose McGuirl, 87 passed away unexpectedly on February 17, 2025, in Macungie Pennsylvania. Marilynn's journey began on August 24, 1937, to the late Michael and Rose Giordano in Bayonne, New Jersey. The family later moved to Wood-Ridge, New Jersey. She was a graduate of Wood-Ridge High School, attended Secretarial School, and worked as an executive secretary in New York City for many years before becoming a loving mother to Lisa Ann and Robert Michael (deceased.) She returned to secretarial work when her children were of school age. She worked at Windsor School, the school where her children attended, as secretary to the principal. After 25 years she retired and moved to Chandler, Arizona. She enjoyed the sunny weather that Arizona had to offer and made many long-time friends while there. She enjoyed cooking, reading, volunteering in her daughter's classroom, and visiting the beach in nearby Mexico.

Marilynn was a loving mother and doggie Grammy, a natural caregiver, and a loyal friend who was always there in times of celebration, but more importantly, during times of sadness and difficulty.

Her door was always open, and her home was filled with love, warmth, and kindness.

Marilynn will be sorely missed by the many lives she touched during her 87

years.

Marilynn is survived by her loving daughter and sister, Lisa MacFarland and Barbara M'Gonigle.

A celebration of Marilyn's life will be private and held at a later date.

The family requests that those who wish to express sympathy to consider making a donation to either the American Lung Association or the American Respiratory Care Foundation in Marilyn's name.

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall

DV

“ Lisa, it is my hope that you will find some comfort in my story about your mom and me. I met Marilyn about 14 years ago when I started working in the office at Springfield here she lived. Our friendship developed over a short period of time. We had a lot in common, both born and raised on the East coast. That says a lot. Marilyn was a very active volunteer at Springfield. MM was a private person and it was a surprise when she invited me to have lunch with her in her darling house that she loved so much. She had a big heart and enjoyed working at the Front Desk to help residents participate in social activities in Springfield or away. We played Scrabble routinely with friends and I got her to play cards on Friday night with friends. That was a really fun time. She introduced me to her children and included me in events that Lisa had at her home? She met my daughter so we had that in common as well. A lot has transpired over the past 6 years? Our relationship became a daily phone call since we lived at opposite ends of the USA. We had a lot of political discussions, family, fun and just were two old ladies in enjoying each other. I know she is on her journey to the Lord and will soon be singing and being happy. I miss you my friend but you will always be in my heart along with our secrets. 🙏❤️

Diane Vevea - February 21, 2025 at 04:30 PM

GP

“ Marilyn was known for her kindness, compassion and fostering outstanding human relations. She never passed up an opportunity to be involved in making life better for others. We are honored to be her friend and the memories she gave us to cherish. Rest in peace and know you will be missed but remembered.
Grady and Liz Parks

Grady Parks - February 20, 2025 at 06:07 PM

MB

“Marilynn lived next door to me in Macungie during the last years of her life. I got to know her and share in the delicious food she made. She was an awesome cook! She also had a wicked sense of humor. I will always remember the good times we had with our PA friends during her time here.

Marilyn Bendoritis - February 20, 2025 at 09:33 AM

JO

“Lisa and Barbara, I am so sorry for your loss. Marilynn was a dear friend for many years as well as "Aunt Marilynn" to my boys. I'm so happy we got to see each other last year. Both of you will be in my thoughts and prayers. Much love, Joanne

Joanne O'Malley - February 19, 2025 at 11:21 PM

LC

“I am so glad that Marilyn entered my life. I loved being with her, enjoying her food and laughing. She is the sister that I never had and I loved her. Her memory is held in my heart and I will truly miss her.

Lucille

Lucille Colaneri - February 19, 2025 at 07:20 PM

KB

My dear friend Marilynn was one of a kind. She was always there for me when I was hospitalized. She was the first Lady I met 15 years ago when I moved to Chandler Arizona. She was a strong and loving friend, sister and mother. I shall miss her telephone calls, texts, and honesty. When she spoke, everyone listened.

Rest now dear lady!

Love you so! Katherine Benko

Katherine Benko - February 19, 2025 at 09:48 PM

KB

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Katherine Benko.*

Katherine Benko - February 22, 2025 at 05:27 PM

LM

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Lisa MacFarland - February 19, 2025 at 06:22 PM

AK

I'm glad to have gotten to know Marilynn and share our lives for the past few years. She exhibited much bravery and courage as she went through these past few years I learned a lot from her I will miss our card games and our times of sharing a meal together.

Ann Krall - February 20, 2025 at 01:05 PM

CS

I met Marilyn in Chandler, AZ. She lived right across the street from my mom, Billie Veres. She was such a funny lady. Kind and generous. And what a great cook! I loved going to lunch and shopping with her and my mom. We'd go to theater performances, high tea at the Phoenician. All fun girl activities were always more fun with Marilyn. I will miss our phone conversations and her laughter. My sincere condolences to Lisa and Barbara. Rest peacefully, my friend.

Cindy Streetman

cindy streetman - February 20, 2025 at 03:18 PM