



Marlene Johnston

December 26, 1933 - April 18, 2023

Marlene Johnston, 89 of Harrison Township, MI passed away peacefully on April 18, 2023. She was born on December 26, 1933, the daughter of Walter and Loretta Stritzinger, both of whom predeceased her; and sister to Bob (Olga) Stritzinger and Sherry (John) Caldwell.

On August 16, 1958, Marlene was united in marriage to William Johnston, her beloved husband of over 64 years. She first completed her degree as a Registered Nurse and then earned a Bachelor of Science in Health Education. Marlene spent her career working as a registered nurse and then later, as a diabetes health educator.

When she was not working she enjoyed spending time with her husband and 5 children. Not only was Marlene a fierce advocate for her children, she also provided her family a happy life filled with many special memories and family traditions.

Marlene had a love of music and a beautiful singing voice and spent many years sharing her talent with the Sweet Adeline's, an international travelling choral group. She loved crosswords and Jeopardy, playing along and knowing most of the answers! Always up for trying new things, she was very adventurous and loved traveling and camping. When she set her mind to accomplish something, she never gave up until her goal was reached. She

also loved the Fall season in Michigan with its beautiful autumn colors and perfect weather.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband: William; and children: Mary (Gary) Conklin; Joseph (Lisa) Johnston; Judy Johnston (Joe Iacopelli); Michael (Lisa) Johnston, and Amy (Tom) Statly. She was also abundantly blessed with 10 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and the love of many other family members and dear friends.

Memorial services will be held at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors, Utica, MI on Saturday, April 22, 2023 beginning at 1:00 p.m. The family will be receiving guests beginning at 10:00 a.m. and invite them to stay for the service. The family asks that you share a memory at sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

APR **22**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall

SB

“ I was very sorry to hear about Marlene. She was my mother's (Shirley Keenan MacDonald) first cousin. I remember spending time with her at Highland dancing events. Marlene was great fun with a wonderful smile and laugh. My condolences to the entire family.

Sharon MacDonald Brosch

Sharon MacDonald Brosch - April 23, 2023 at 03:15 PM

GJ

“ Marlene and I share 57 years of friendship from Utica onward! When we moved far apart, we communicated through email, letters and occasional phone calls.

And, woo-hoo, did we share! Seems we were on the same page regarding all things political - and so we vented, hollered, agreed, laughed at absurdities. Sometimes, our exchanges were sprinkled with frustration, with a bit of anger thrown in for good measure. (I wonder how she's venting up yonder??) I will miss our righteous indignation, her well-read knowledge, her outstanding, kind friendship and the closeness that we shared through those years.

So - Marlene - who will be our next President???
Always love, gentle peace - Gerre



Gerre Jaroch - April 23, 2023 at 02:11 PM

CB

“ Grandma Johnston, I was blessed to have you in my life for 40 some years. I have so many fond memories of our time over the years. I always felt so loved and cared for and at peace in your presence. I was so inspired by all the work you did, and your relationship with the Lord. You raised such a beautiful family, with traditions that we will carry on for all of our time. We will continue to do Gods work in your honor. Im so glad that you are at peace and until we meet again. I love you so much Grandma J

Christine Bolton - April 21, 2023 at 11:05 AM

CA

“ Christine, Jason & Anders purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Marlene Johnston.



Christine, Jason & Anders - April 21, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Marlene Johnston.



April 21, 2023 at 10:10 AM

CK

“ Sorry to hear about Marlene, she and my Mom were first cousins (she was in my moms wedding). I remember many gatherings and our trip to Nova Scotia. She had such a great laugh and fun to be around. Bill and family are on my thoughts and prayers. Sending hugs 🙏😭💔

Chrysti MacDonald Kinney - April 20, 2023 at 02:49 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marlene Johnston.



April 20, 2023 at 02:02 PM

BM

“ Marlene and I were friends many years ago. I always enjoyed every opportunity to share our time together. Our condolences to her family.

Doug and Barbara McKay

Barbara McKay - April 20, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Marlene Johnston.



April 20, 2023 at 10:49 AM



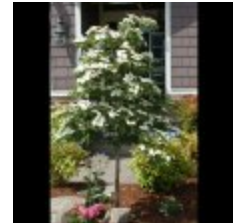
“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marlene Johnston.*



April 20, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ *Chinese Dogwood Tree was purchased for the family of Marlene Johnston.*



April 20, 2023 at 09:33 AM



“ *To the Johnston family*

So sorry to hear about the passing of cousin Marlene. I enjoyed our conversation when she would visit the Martin reunions in Ontario, Canada, and home visits.

Larry Martin

Larry Martin - April 20, 2023 at 06:36 AM



“ *Marlene was not just my Mother in law for 35 years, she was a great friend who I enjoyed spending time with. I will miss her beating me in a cut throat match of Scrabble. Even when in constant pain, she would always be up for a game. I will miss her dearly but am thankful she is no longer in pain.*

Lisa Johnston - April 19, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marlene Johnston.*



April 19, 2023 at 12:26 PM



“ *Carol Boshaw purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Marlene Johnston.*



Carol Boshaw - April 19, 2023 at 11:17 AM