



Ruth "Marilyn" Wagenmaker

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Ruth "Marilyn" Wagenmaker, age 94, passed away Saturday, March 9, 2024. She was born February 17, 1930 in Muskegon to Raymond and Beatrice (Dood) Campbell. On June 22, 1981, she married William "Bill" Wagenmaker and he preceded her in death on January 22, 2016. Marilyn worked as a child support officer for the Department of Social Services and retired in 1990 after 15 years. She was an avid reader and loved to bake and cook – especially anything chocolate. She was active with the American Legion Post 28 in Grand Haven, VFW Council #3195 in Norton Shores and the Fruitport Eagles. Marilyn is survived by her step-children, Barbara Ann (Peter) Wessel, Ardelle Sue Bush, Pamela Jo (Randy) Nickels, Bille Jane VanOveren; 10 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Wagenmaker; her son, Dan Hoffman; one grandson; her parents, Ray and Bea Campbell; 1 brother, Gene Campbell; and 1 sister, Delores Lulofs. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Arrangements handled by The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 Harvey St, Norton Shores, MI 49444. Sign the online guestbook at www.sytsemafh.com



Tribute Wall

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ST

Sue Taylor posted:

We met Marilyn thru Carla & Tony Clark in 2018 when we were all down in Florida. She was very easy to get to know. Always very friendly and a pleasure to visit with. She will be greatly missed. Her and Carla are now both free of pain and surrounded by loved ones who passed before them. Sue & Jim Taylor

March 20 at 4:50 AM

AB

Ardelle Bush posted:

Marilyn came into my life 43 years ago when she started dating and then married my father William Wagenmaker, and what a blessing she was. As the years progressed, we became closer and more dear to one another. She always provided me with much needed words of encouragement, support, and love that helped me to persevere through my journey in life. I have an abundant amount of special memories with Marilyn and my Dad, and I cherish them all. On the many phone calls I had with Marilyn, they always ended in the same way, I would say "I love you with all my heart" and she would say, "I love you sweetheart." Your memory is a treasure and you will be missed dearly. I love you with all my heart...

March 15 at 6:13 PM

PD

Pamela Self Daughter posted:

Mom. Marilyn. I'm. ☺☺ glad she is now not in pain and in heaven with dad and other loved ones. You are missed so so much.

March 15 at 11:45 AM

BW

Barbara And Peter Wessel posted:

We are deeply saddened by the loss of our dear "Mom", Marilyn. She was more than just a step-mom to us, she was a special part of our lives. With her love and hospitality, she brought our family together and created countless memories that we will cherish forever. Marilyn's passion for making chocolates and cookies was a labor of love that brought so much sweetness to our lives. Our trips to the Michigan wineries, the Tetons, Yellowstone, and Montana were filled with numerous "laugh-out-loud" moments! Her selflessness and kindness will always be an inspiration to us. Although we miss her dearly, we take comfort in knowing that she is reunited with our loved ones in Heaven. Marilyn's presence in our lives has made us better people, and we will always be grateful for the time we had with her. With love, Peter and Barbara Wessel

March 15 at 10:36 AM



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AW

Adam Wessel posted:

Grandma always the best candies and snacks, I always loved the firecrackers she made! Love you grandma.

March 15 at 9:42 AM

TC

Tony Clark posted:

Marilyn and Carla were such a big part of my life and to loose them both so close together is devastating to me! I loved and will miss them both so much! I thank God every day that I have such a wonderful support group / family! I hope Carla and Marilyn are whooping it up and not have to worry about suffering anymore! ❤️

March 13 at 2:07 PM

TC

Tony Clark March 13 at 2:24 PM

I meant lose!

GW

Gera Wier posted:

I met Marilyn through my parents, Tony and Carla Clark, who spent almost every single day for the last several years visiting with Marilyn and taking her places with them. They loved her like family and would do anything for her. She was such a special woman and I will remember her fondly.

Although she is with my mom now, I know my dad has a special hole in his heart that is missing her so.

March 12 at 12:14 PM



Shelley Marod Sheffield posted:

Marilyn was an amazing lady. Even when she wasn't doing well, her very close friends Tony and Carla Clark would bring her into the VFW to see her VFW family. She loved it. She will be extremely missed.

March 12 at 10:51 AM



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Cory And Judy Tromp posted:

Marilyn lived next door to us and was the sweetest lady. She made delicious candy especially chocolates. She also made delicious butter cookies. We enjoyed visiting with her and doing what we could helping her the last few years. We are going to miss her and condolences and prayers for family and friends. ❤️ 🙏 🙏

March 11 at 6:59 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ruth by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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