



## Marlene Marks

April 27, 1933 - March 14, 2020

Marlene Louise (Flagg) Marks, our beloved sister, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully on the morning of Saturday, March 14, 2020, at the Parkview Haven Retirement Community in Francesville, Indiana.

She was born in Starke County, Indiana, on April 27, 1933, the daughter of the late John Flagg and Violet (Fridlund) Flagg. She grew up on the family farm, where she developed a love for birds, squirrels, flowers and gardening. It's here that her love for entertaining also took root, as she loved summer visits to the farm from her cousins in the Region and the big city of Chicago.

Marlene was a 1951 graduate of North Judson-San Pierre High School, where she was a member of the Senior Clarion Staff, the high school's yearbook. According to a caption she wrote for her senior class photo, she considered herself "an open book." The following fall, on September 22, 1951, she married Eugene (Gene) E. Marks, beginning a loving relationship that lasted for more than 60 years. She and Gene were members of a couples group that gathered often to play cards. She also played piano and sang in the church choir and enjoyed Wednesday lunches at the Fingerhut Bakery. She always told people she was blessed with family and friends.

She is survived by a sister, Donnis Flagg of Owensboro, KY; by one daughter,

Jeannine (Bob) Browning of Bargersville, IN; and four sons, Jerry of Indianapolis, Jon (Kathy) of Valparaiso, Jeff of Needville, TX, and Jay (Connie) of Morgantown, IN. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a grandson, JJ, by one son, James (Jimmy) and her husband, Gene.

In light of the pandemic, no memorial service has been scheduled at this time. Memorials may be given to the North Judson United Methodist Church, 210 Central Ave. (<http://njumc.com/>); Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at St. Vincent Indianapolis (<http://www.peytonmanningch.org/>); or the Ronald McDonald House.

Arrangements were made by O'Donnell Funeral Home, Inc., North Judson

# Tribute Wall

PI

“ *Marlene was a wonderful person and friend I really do miss her, we talked through out the years and I miss that also, she always said to me Love ya much. Marlene I thought of you as a second Mother and did take your advice on several things. Rest in peace Marlene and enjoy your time with Gene and Jimmy. I LOVE YOU ALL*

Phyllis Irvine - October 07, 2020 at 03:16 PM

DF

“ *My sister had a beautiful voice. She sang in the church choir and for many weddings. I would cry when I heard her sing at a wedding. It was so beautiful. I told her that one day in the year or so before her death. She said she didn't know that. But did remember how she used to play the piano ...I would sit on the piano bench beside her and listen to her play and sing. I would sing also thru the years but never as beautiful as she did.*

Donnis Flagg - August 06, 2020 at 11:01 AM

KR

“ *Dear family of Marlene: I am Kathleen Pugh Robinson. My Mom was Jeanette Pugh a good friend of your Mom and I babysat for several of you during my high school years. Your Mom was such a lovely lady I remember from the church. She will be missed. Most sincerely, Kathi Pugh Robinson*

Kathleen Pugh Robinson - March 21, 2020 at 05:59 PM

VS

“ *Marlene was so special to me. Always had a beautiful smile and a hug for me. Loved her sense of humor and how she said that being ornery was what kept her going. She will be missed by many.*

Vicki Sturgell - March 20, 2020 at 06:34 PM

DK

“ I will miss Marlene deeply, after my mom died we had several lunches and phone calls until she became ill, our last visit I am not sure she knew who I was but there was a look once that made me believe that she did when my mom’s name was spoken.  
Love and prayers to her family  
The whole community will feel this loss, Marlene was loved by everyone

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**Donna Konrad** - March 20, 2020 at 05:16 PM

PB

One of the sweetest ladies ever. R.I.P. Marlene you will be missed dearly!

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**Peggy Bohac** - March 20, 2020 at 05:34 PM

PS

“ Loved your mom. Whenever she saw me I got a hug and a kiss on the cheek.  
She was a sweet lovely lady.

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**Pamela Lucas Stalbaum** - March 20, 2020 at 05:13 PM

JJ

“ I so enjoyed our visits when she would stop by my shop.. she will be missed!!

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**Jennifer Jordan** - March 20, 2020 at 04:22 PM

SN

“ *Marlene was one of my lady friends when I worked at Two Joe's & Hooks. We had a lot of fun talking about our beautiful families, shared laughter & tears. She always had a beautiful smile for me & joked around when I needed it. May she watch over all of you always God bless 🙏💕🦋*

**Sue Shell Nies** - March 20, 2020 at 04:20 PM

JO

*Simply a sweet, sweet lady. Always enjoyed talking with her. So uplifting.*

**John Origer** - March 20, 2020 at 04:48 PM

AL

*Marlene lived next door to me for awhile. We would often get together at night for an hr or so, enjoy a glass of wine and sometimes laugh till we cried. What a memory!*

**Ann Larson** - March 22, 2020 at 11:02 AM

PB

*Marlene was a class act. She was such a sweet lady and very thoughtful. I am sorry for her loss. She was such and uplifting lady. May she rest in peace with her Father in heaven.*

**Peg Brettin** - April 20, 2020 at 09:47 PM