



## Mari Lynn Behnke

August 27, 1957 - September 26, 2017

Mari L. Behnke, 60, of Eden, went to her heavenly home on Tuesday, September 26, 2017, at St. Agnes Hospital.

She was born on August 27, 1957, in Waupun, the daughter of Michael and Marlene Mannigel Marks. She was a graduate of Waupun High School, Class of 1975. Mari earned her Associate Degree from U.W. Fond du Lac in 1977. She later graduated from U.W. River Falls with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Science. After graduating, she was a horse show judge, trainer and riding instructor for 20 years. Mari was active in 4H as a member, horse leader, and an assistant music director.

On February 3, 1996 she married her partner Scott P. Behnke in Waupun, at the Union Congregational Church.

Mari was a postal clerk for Oakfield before becoming Postmaster for Van Dyne, Malone, Mt. Calvary and St. Cloud. She retired in April 2016.

She attends Edgewood Church in Waupun, was a member of Lighthouse Fishing Club, Manitowoc Kennel Club, NAPUS (National Association of Postmasters of the United States). Mari loved working with "Produce With Purpose Farm", was a master gardener and an avid walker for various causes.

She is survived by her husband Scott Behnke of Fond du Lac; stepchildren: Matthew (Sarah) Behnke and their children Miles and Paul, Taryn M. Behnke of Fond du Lac; her loving mom Marlene and stepfather Dick Malter of Waupun; two brothers: Mick (Julie) Marks of Beaver Dam and their children (Mari's Godchildren) Kevin and Kelly Marks and Aaron Marks of Minneapolis, MN; three step brothers and sisters: Becky (Jamie) Maly of Waupun, Kevin (Lucy) Malter of Fond du Lac, Patty (Jim) Franke of Horicon; sister in law and brother in law Sue and Bob Brockman of Verona; brother in law Stacy Behnke of Fond du Lac; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews; her beloved dog, Tag.

She was preceded in death by her father, Michael Marks, step brother, Nick Malter and sister in law, Angie Behnke.

VISITATION: Friends may call on Monday, October 2, 2017, from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Kurki-Mach Funeral Chapel and Crematory, 31 East Division Street, Fond du Lac, and from 10:00-11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, at Edgewood Community Church, 609 Thomas Street, Fond du Lac.

FUNERAL: A celebration of Mari's life will be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. at Edgewood Community Church, 609 Thomas Street, Fond du Lac, with Pastor Jeremy Thompson officiating. A luncheon will follow the funeral service.

She was an avid Packer, Nascar and Badger Fan. Mari was a people person with a vibrant personality and heart of gold. Her unselfish personality led her to donate her organs so others can live. She would be the first person to help her family and friends. She loved her Lord and prayed for those in need. She will be sadly missed by her family and many friends.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established in Mari's name.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory  
31 E. Division Street  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935  
(920) 921-4420  
info@kurkifuneralchapel.com  
<https://kurkifuneralchapel.com>

## Visitation

OCT 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Edgewood Community Church  
609 Thomas Street  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

## Service

OCT 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Edgewood Community Church  
609 Thomas Street  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ I just came across Mari's obituary. I knew Mari when she was Mari Marks, and met her at the Fond du Lac Fair and of course at the Horse Barn with newly made friends from another Horse Club. Mari, I always remembered her, because she stood out for her confident, easy-going, fun-loving personality at such a young age. I am happy to read that she had various connections with her love of horses. It makes me sad that she passed away much too soon. My belated condolences to her family, and friends. God Bless You, Mari and Peace Be With You Always!



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**Marilyn** - October 10, 2021 at 07:09 AM

JZ

“ You made us laugh until we cried, now we cry while we share the laughs you gave us. You will forever be loved by Cheryl and I, look in on us once in awhile...

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**Jeff Zuelsdorf** - October 09, 2017 at 10:21 AM

SM

“ It had been some time since I'd seen Mari but I will always cherish the times we had, her wonderful personality, and always warm spirit. You'll be truly missed Mari! Your love and caring memories will live on forever.  
Sandy Miller(Krueger)

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**Sandy Miller** - October 03, 2017 at 08:33 AM

DA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Scott and the rest of Mari's family.

*Dave and Carol Wright*

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**DaveWright** - October 02, 2017 at 10:35 AM

DG

“ Doug, Renae And Kylie Guell lit a candle in memory of Mari Lynn Behnke



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**Doug, Renae and Kylie Guell** - September 29, 2017 at 08:38 PM

DW

“ Oh Mimi...you made this world a better place! Your smile, your laugh.....were contagious. We have such wonderful memories of you, which we'll now hold dear. May the Lord wrap his arms around your loving family and comfort them as they try to accept your passing. Thank you for all the joy you brought into our lives, just by being you.

*Donnie and Joan*

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**Don and Joan Wiese** - September 29, 2017 at 01:51 PM

DL

“ Our family will always remember the yearly camping adventures to Mauthe and Long lakes. The laughing, swimming, meals and fun adventures. May God bless you and your families. The LaBordes, David, Julie, Margaret, Jenni and Megan

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**Dacid LaBorde** - September 29, 2017 at 01:28 PM

LC

“ I have been blessed to know Mari for the past year and a half. She was also a very good bowler! I am heartbroken at her loss. She was always a "cup over flowing" person and the world needs many more like Mari. Frequently during bowling we would have to wait for Mari due to seeing a friend she had to catch up with, she was a social butterfly. She was taken from us far too soon, as she was a blessing to everyone who was lucky enough to know her. I wish all of you Gods blessings and peace at this difficult time.

With love,

Laurie Christie

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**Laurie Christie** - September 29, 2017 at 01:26 PM