



Marilynn Joyce Roessler

January 20, 1940 - November 5, 2023

Marilynn Joyce Roessler, passed away peacefully on the morning of November 5, 2023, surrounded by her husband and three sons. She was born on January 20, 1940, daughter of Christian parents, Emerson and Evelyn Schley in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. She grew up on a farm near Burnett with her two sisters, Laretta and Barbara. As the oldest daughter she had farm chores to do, including milking cows, feeding animals, even pitching bundles into the threshing machine.

As a member of 4-H, she learned gardening, sewing, and cooking from her stay-at-home mom. She attended country school and graduated from Horicon High School in 1957. Marilyn pursued a Home Economics teaching degree from Stout State University, where she met her husband, Richard Roessler. She married Richard on August 24, 1963 in Beaver Dam, WI. She enjoyed being an Air Force wife for 21 years. She held many special titles; a devoted daughter, a loving wife, a comforting mother, an enthusiastic sister, a faithful classmate, a proud in-law, a dedicated teacher, a doting grandmother, and a true and loyal friend to many.

Marilynn taught Home Economics for three years, but after moving to Virginia on an Air Force assignment, she was offered a job teaching second grade and soon discovered that her true passion was teaching elementary students. She pursued her Elementary degree and taught in Rapid City, South Dakota for 20

years. She was named Rapid City School District's Teacher of the Year in 1992. Marilyn worked as a Laubach literacy tutor and a hospice volunteer in Rapid City. After moving to Fond du Lac in 1995, she was a substitute teacher at Fond du Lac and Oakfield elementary schools for 12 years.

Marilynn loved raising her three sons and was filled with much love and pride for them. She considered being a mother the best "job" she ever had. She supported them in all their childhood sporting and scouting activities. The same love and pride was later shared with her eight treasured grandchildren who called her "Grammy", and who enriched her life more than words can say. Her first great-grandchild is due to arrive in April of next year.

Marilynn was blessed with a wonderful sense of humor, which she considered a gift from God. She was born with a genuine and unwavering care for people. She valued her personal relationships and treasured the time she spent with those close to her. She was a long-time member of Covenant United Methodist Church, where she was involved with Rachel-Sarah Circle, and co-chaired the Missions Sending Forth Committee. She also worked on various committees to support local missions in Fond du Lac. Marilyn traveled to the Philippines with Rich as missionaries in 1989 and to New Orleans with her sister Barby after hurricane Katrina. She enjoyed skiing, painting, ceramics, music, quilting, traveling, cooking, reading, and hosting family get-togethers.

She is survived by her faithful and loving husband Richard of 60 years, her three loving sons and daughters-in-law, and eight wonderful grandchildren: Peter (wife Lara) of Grand Rapids, MI and their children Ethan, Jake, and Evelyn; Jeffrey (wife Jacqueline) of Verona, WI and their sons Nathan (wife Erin) and Jack; Timothy (wife Rachel) of Santa Cruz, CA and their children Zachary, Gabriel, and Kaeli. She is further survived by her sisters Lauretta (John) Kurth of Columbus, and Barbara Schley of Madison; her brother-in-law Jarry (Donna) Roessler of Granbury, TX, and sister-in-law Carleen Olson

(Roessler) of Rochester, MN. Marilyn also has many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends who brought much pleasure and joy to her life.

Preceding her in death are her parents Emerson and Evelyn Schley, her father & mother-in-law (Carlton and Fern Roessler), a cherished little sister Juanita Jean, and 2 dear nephews, John (Hans) and Christopher Kurth.

VISITATION & SERVICE: The family will greet family and friends from 9:00 to 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 18, 2023 at Covenant United Methodist Church, 20 North Marr Street, Fond du Lac, WI, followed immediately by a Memorial Service and lunch.

In lieu of flowers, please feel encouraged to make a donation in Marilyn's name to Covenant United Methodist Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 18. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Covenant United Methodist Church
20 North Marr Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marilyn Joyce Roessler.*



November 15, 2023 at 07:36 PM



“ *Marilyn and I were high school classmates we had fun times. She and I played leads in " Arsenic & Old Lace" She was always pretty and kind. My sympathies to all her family. Your lose is Heaven's gain*

Betty Jane {Klomborg} Pfister/Wal - November 10, 2023 at 03:39 PM



“ *I've had the privilege of getting to know Marilyn the last few months at Covenant. What an absolute beautiful soul! Heaven gained an angel on earth. My 2 kiddos were always bugging her in church services. She would just smile and be so kind to them. Sending prayers to the family. It was an honor and blessing to get to know her.*

Kelly - November 10, 2023 at 09:47 AM

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“ To my dear sweet Aunt Marilyn Roessler...what a special & loving Aunt you were to me...I loved hearing you tell stories about your sweet dachshund who got on your counter & ate those Hershey's kisses...silly doggie! I can still see your smile & I so remember how you loved your husband, my Uncle Rich & your boys Pete, Jeff & Tim! You were so evidently proud of all of them & spoke so highly of your family. They were so special to you Auntie! I loved being at your cabin by the little lake & celebrating Grandpa's birthday & canoeing with my sister on the pond & being together as we sat around the campfire singing songs together while your boys played the guitar. You always made me feel cared about & special Auntie! I loved the beautiful quilt & pillows you made for my husband & I and I displayed them proudly on our guest room bed! I remember talking to you on the phone during the pandemic & we were so glad we had God to turn to when all that happened. I bet you were the best teacher ever & I know your students all loved you because I know how much you cared about them! I'm so very proud & happy to know that you were married to my Uncle Rich for 60 years! What a great example you set for your family & others! I loved getting your Christmas letter & pictures every year & the special note you would write to me every year! It was always obvious by your letter, how much you loved your family. I'm so glad for all the time & memories I have of you! I remember when you & Uncle Rich took Brian & I out for steak when you were driving back from visiting Dad! That was such a special treat being with you both that night & I treasured how you took time to be with us! I remember how you drove with Uncle Rich in the Corvette & visited my Mom on her farm in Illinois. That was special that you came to see her! Being a married woman for 60 years is absolutely incredible Auntie! I admire you so much! I will miss you dearly. You were a very special woman in my life. Please rest in peace Auntie. You have lived an amazing life & I'm so glad I knew you & you were my awesome Auntie! I love you!

Janelle Roessler Reinke - November 08, 2023 at 05:22 PM

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Thank you so much for your beautiful note Janelle. I miss seeing you!
Pete

Pete Roessler - November 10, 2023 at 08:37 PM