



Marlene M. Strebe

October 16, 1936 - July 4, 2008

Marlene M. Strebe, 71, a resident of Fond du Lac, died Friday, July 04, 2008, at home. She was born on October 16, 1936, in Marshfield, Wisconsin, a daughter of Alvin W. and Adella M. Stecker Krings. Marlene was a graduate of Marshfield High School Class of 1954. On April 30, 1960, she married Rickard C. Strebe at Hope Lutheran Church in Marshfield. She was employed as a medical receptionist at Marshfield Clinic from 1957-1960; and later at the Fond du Lac Clinic from 1960-1961. During the 1960's, Marlene was a member of the Fond du Lac Jaycettes. She formerly was a member of the Pier School PTA, served as a volunteer tutor, room mother, and eventually worked in the school hot lunch program at Pier School for 20 years. Following retirement, she and Rick spent time traveling. Mom was a pro at entertaining, and had an abundance of energy for planning and putting together dinner parties. She was a pro shopper -even suffering from neuropathy didn't hinder mom from a mega shopping experience. She also had a great interest in sports and followed the Packers religiously as well as college football. She was a colorful and great woman who will be missed by all. Marlene is survived by her husband; a son, Scott Strebe, of Phoenix, Arizona; a daughter, Shelley (Mike) Campbell, of the Town of Harrison; sister Virgean Ploen of Marshfield; brother Alvin (Sandra) Krings of Denmark, Wisconsin; brother-in-law Martin Halle of Franklin, Wisconsin; together with nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, son Shawn, a brother, James Krings, a sister, Elvira Halle, and a brother in law, Harold Ploen. Her family will greet

friends and relatives from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2008, at Mach Funeral Chapel, 31 E. Division St., Fond du Lac. A memorial service will follow at 4:00 p.m. with the Rev. Clair Tillman officiating. Cremation will take place. In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in her name at a later date.

Tribute Wall

JW

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Jenne Wood-Taylor - July 08, 2008 at 05:30 PM

LW

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Laurel Anderson, Jenne and Terra Wood-Taylor - July 08, 2008 at 01:07 PM

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David & Janet Strebe - July 08, 2008 at 12:05 PM

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David & Janet Strebe of Green Valley, Arizona - July 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *Marlene was a longtime family friend to my mom Laurel, sister Jenne and myself. We were fortunate to have the Strebés as nextdoor neighbors on Maria Lane as kids. Marlene always had extra treats for us in the lunch line at Pier, as well as Halloween, and anytime we would go next door. Marlene always made us feel like we were part of her family, and we were given nicknames, too. Marlene brought sunshine into our lives, and will continue to shine brightly in our hearts. We will miss her laugh, her smile, her perfume, and her large heart. You are someone I will tell my future children about. Thank-you for everything...*

Terra Wood-Taylor - July 07, 2008 at 08:23 PM

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Sue Tubbs - July 07, 2008 at 07:58 PM

EA

“ *Our deepest sympathy goes out to Marlene's family. Her smile will always be remembered by all.*

Ed & Bette Arnold - July 07, 2008 at 06:59 PM

MS

“ *Marlene added sunshine to our family and she will be sincerely missed by all of us. My heart is with Rick, Scott and Shelly today God bless you through this time of grief*

Mary Ann Stein - July 07, 2008 at 12:14 PM

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Amy Riese - July 06, 2008 at 08:35 PM

KS

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Love, Katybeth*

Katy & Frank Spagnola - July 06, 2008 at 03:06 PM

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MHS Class of 1956 "Go Tigers"*

Grace Simmons Bigelow - July 06, 2008 at 02:32 PM

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Grace Simmons Bigelow - July 06, 2008 at 02:17 PM

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Amy Riese of Oshkosh, WI - July 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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My warm condolences and hugs go out to you - Rick, Shelley, and Scott. I pray that your grief will be lessened as the days pass.

Love, Sharon

Sharon Lane - July 05, 2008 at 09:02 PM

JS

“ *Marlene was a true treasure to all who had the good fortune to be a part of her life. We loved her dearly and will forever carry our memories of her marvelous spirit, warm companionship and fabulous sense of humor. Our prayers are for her, and with her family, now and forever.*

Jerry and Jan Strebe - July 05, 2008 at 07:03 PM

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Sharon Lane of Green Valley AZ - July 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM