



Marilyn Ann Barthel

January 10, 1968 - November 24, 2021

Marilyn Ann Barthel

Devoted Wife, Mother and Grandmother

Marilyn Ann Barthel, 53, died Wednesday, November 24, 2021 with her family by her side after her valiant battle with cancer.

Marilyn was born Jan 10, 1968, in Fargo North Dakota and cared for by parents, Lee and Phyllis Mielke.

In 1989, Marilyn graduated from North Hennepin Community College with an associates degree. She devoted a life to helping many as a financial eligibility specialist at Anoka County for over 20 years and always loved knowing that her work assisted so many in need. She was known by her co-workers for her hard work and never ending smile.

Marilyn married Mark John Barthel on July 28, 1990. The two were each other's lifelong soulmates and friends. They were blessed with four children: Matthew, Alex, Nathan, and Tyler.

She was an avid traveler and loved nothing more than spending time getting lost at the ocean and on the beach. Other hobbies included crafting, wine tasting, reading and spending time with her loving family.

Marilyn is survived by her husband Mark; Children, Matthew (Koryne) and Alex Barthel; Granddaughter, Adelaide; Father and Step mother, Lee and Norma Mielke; Step sisters, Pamela (Pete) Hemken, Leslie (Todd) Redfield; Step brother, Chris (Kristin) Westman; Brother in laws, Mike (Meg) Barthel and Rick Barthel; Sister in law Julie (Dave) Kuzyk; as well as many friends.

She was proceeded in death by her 2 sons, Nathan and Tyler Barthel, Mother, Phyllis Mielke, and grandparents.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, Dec. 07, at 4 pm-7pm at Washburn-McReavy in Coon Rapids. Memorials can be sent directly to Washburn-McReavy.

Tribute Wall

LI

“ I struggle to find words. I will truly miss Marilyn and our "dinners" laughs and conversations. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. She was one of kind. She was Amazing, Beautiful, Kind, Smart, Sweet, Hardworking, Honest, Caring, Loving and Fun. She will be greatly missed.

Lisa - December 07, 2021 at 04:00 PM

SF

“ Sheryl Fahnhorst lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Ann Barthel



Sheryl Fahnhorst - December 07, 2021 at 10:41 AM

SC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



shari compton - December 06, 2021 at 06:00 PM

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shari compton - December 06, 2021 at 05:58 PM

KP

“ *Deepest sympathies to Mark and family. Marilyn was a bright light gone too soon and was loved by her Anoka County peers. I will always remember Marilyn's laugh and smile. Prayers to you all during this time of loss.*



Kathy Palm - December 06, 2021 at 05:20 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Marilyn Ann Barthel.*



December 06, 2021 at 01:58 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss, I know Marilyn will be missed by many people!*

Emily Peterson - December 05, 2021 at 07:47 PM



“ *Evelyn Nelson lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Ann Barthel*



Evelyn Nelson - December 04, 2021 at 08:01 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Marilyn Ann Barthel.*



December 02, 2021 at 06:11 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Marilyn Ann Barthel.*



December 02, 2021 at 05:53 PM



“ *Karie Gerdin lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Ann Barthel*



Karie Gerdin - December 02, 2021 at 04:24 PM



“ *Sending condolences Mark, to you and the boys. I am heartbroken to learn of Marilyn's battle with cancer and subsequent death. We shared some good times in MN, a trip to TX and her visit to see me in FL. Cherish your memories as you grieve her loss. Hugs. Janie Dahl*

Janie Dahl - December 02, 2021 at 04:05 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Marilyn Ann Barthel.*



December 02, 2021 at 01:02 PM

SC

“ *Mark,
Deepest sympathies to you and the boys.
It was my honor to know and work with Marilyn. I am so glad we had
an opportunity to visit recently. Shari*

Shari Compton - December 02, 2021 at 01:04 AM

SA

“ *Marilyn was always so positive and helpful and I truly enjoyed
working with her. She was always a go-to person with my questions
and was so very patient. I can't grasp that she is truly gone. I hope
her family can take comfort from all of the good memories that
Marilyn was a part of.*

Sandy Ackerman - December 01, 2021 at 03:29 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family
of Marilyn Ann Barthel.*



December 01, 2021 at 11:50 AM

LE

“ I am so sorry that Marilyn has gone. My heart just breaks for Mark and the family. She was such a beautiful person! Smart, creative, inspirational, positive and kind. All of the things I aspire to be. I am always going to miss hearing her say 'good godfries!' She and I spent years as friends navigating parenthood and life's roller-coasters and storms. She always met diversity with the greatest of courage. God bless her and Mark and the family. You are all in my prayers and thoughts.

Leah

Leah - December 01, 2021 at 09:40 AM

JA

“ I am truly sorry to hear of Marilyn's passing. Marilyn welcomed me when I first began working at Anoka County over 20 years ago and we often shared stories about our children. May your beautiful memories of Marilyn provide you with warmth, comfort, and peace during this time. Holding you all in my heart and prayers.



Jill Agyekum - November 30, 2021 at 01:13 PM

KP

“ Prayers and wishes of peace and comfort for Marilyn's family and friends during this sad time of Marilyn's passing. Marilyn and I had so many good times and conversations over the years when we worked in closer proximity to each other. We'd often walk into the building together in the early mornings back then and start the day with some tidbits of what's going on with our kids of similar ages. With sympathy to her family and friends.

Kathy Petersen - November 30, 2021 at 12:38 PM

KO

“ *My heart is sad! Marilyn touched so many people's lives, including mine at Anoka County. I admired her for so many reasons and she will be missed by all who met her. My thoughts and prayers to Marilyn's family! May your memories bring you comfort as you grieve.*

Kristin Overlander - November 30, 2021 at 10:59 AM

KP

“ *Kim Powell lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Ann Barthel*



Kim Powell - November 30, 2021 at 10:54 AM

KP

“ *I thoroughly enjoyed working with Marilyn over the years at Anoka County. I never saw her or talked to her without a smile on her face and kind words. She had helped me numerous times with SSIS and with payments related to our Departments. She was the "Go to Girl" for all the answers! I also had the pleasure of going with her and her son to Feed Our Hungry Children - and Marilyn and her son both, worked really hard that day, so she passed on a lot of her great traits to him as well. Marilyn - you will be SO missed - and the memories of you and all your hard work will live in our minds a very long time!
RIP Marilyn! To her Family & Friends - my heart goes out to you - may you find these tributes to her some comfort.*

Kim Powell - November 30, 2021 at 10:53 AM

CC

“ I am so sorry to hear about Marilyn's passing. I have known her for over 20 plus years. She was always so helpful when I had a question, fun to talk with about our families and so dedicated and talented! In her role at Anoka County she helped so many families, children and foster families. The Human Service Division will miss her greatly! Your in my thoughts and prayers.

Cindy Cesare - November 30, 2021 at 09:59 AM

RD

“ My heart is heavy hearing this sad news. Marilyn was a wonderful co-worker and good friend to many. She left this world so young and that makes this loss much more challenging to comprehend. She will be greatly missed. Sending heartfelt thoughts and prayers to her family.

Raynelle Delvo - November 30, 2021 at 09:54 AM

MB

“ You could always count on Marilyn for a smile and helpful hand when needed. Marilyn was an asset to Anoka County and will be greatly missed. My sympathies to your family during this sad time.

Mary Banister - November 30, 2021 at 08:36 AM

AW

“ I am so very sorry to hear about Marilyn's passing. She will be greatly missed here at Anoka County. Sending prayers for her family at this difficult time.

Angie Wendt - November 29, 2021 at 03:52 PM

LG

“ *Lisa M Gray lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Ann Barthel*



Lisa M Gray - November 29, 2021 at 02:48 PM

LG

“ *I too have worked with Marilyn for many years. She was amazing to work with. She will be missed by many.*

Lisa M Gray - November 29, 2021 at 02:46 PM

DK

“ *To Marilyn's family: I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I too, as many have already shared, worked for years with Marilyn. She always kept me on my toes! I always knew that I could go to Marilyn and she would have the answers to my questions. She will be greatly missed.*

Denise Kirmis - November 29, 2021 at 02:16 PM

LA

“ *I am so incredibly sorry to hear of Marilyn's passing. My thoughts are with her loved ones. Marilyn was such a joy to work with and her smile was the best. She truly did light up every room she was in. Marilyn was so darn good at her job and always willing to help others and fix our mistakes! She will be greatly missed.*

Laura - November 29, 2021 at 01:36 PM

DM

“ *I'm sorry for the loss of your loved one. I hope that you can find comfort from your family and friends. Marilyn will be greatly missed.*

Deb Murray

Debra Murray - November 29, 2021 at 12:44 PM

JB

“ *Janet Bolander lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Ann Barthel*



Janet Bolander - November 29, 2021 at 12:39 PM

JB

“ *My deepest sympathies go out to Marilyn's family, friends and co-workers. I worked with Marilyn for many years as well and her smile and laugh were infectious - she made everyone around her happy by just being in their presence. Marilyn spoke often of her family and you could tell how very much they meant to her. She will truly be missed and my heart is so broken right now - words alone cannot express how much she meant to everyone!!! She was a gem and may you cherish the memories forever!!*

Janet Bolander - November 29, 2021 at 12:38 PM

CB

“ My heart breaks and I have tears in my eyes as I write this. Marilyn made our job always easier. She always seemed to fix our mistakes, never complained, and always seemed to know the right answer. Those like me who were blessed to work with her can attest to her kind spirit and positivity. She will be deeply missed. I pray for her family that they find peace and comfort.

Carrie Burk - November 29, 2021 at 12:37 PM

MA

“ I am soo sorry to learn about the passing of Marilyn. I worked with her for many years - although not in the same unit. She always greeted us with a smile and positive attitude and was always ready to help and do great work. She was a very dear and cherished co worker. I and all of us at Anoka County will miss her!! My heart grieves for the family! May she rest in peace and may you as her loved ones find comfort... My heart and prayers are with you!!

Marielle - November 29, 2021 at 12:12 PM

TM

“ I'm so, so sorry to hear of Marilyn's passing. I have been a co-worker of Marilyn's for many years and know she will be missed immensely on both a personal and professional level. She was such a wonderful, positive, happy person to be around. You have my utmost sympathy.

Tom Meyer - November 29, 2021 at 12:10 PM

MA

“ *Marielle lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Ann Barthel*



Marielle - November 29, 2021 at 12:05 PM