



## Marilyn Anne DeMarais

December 20, 1937 - June 15, 2022

Marilyn Anne (Jacobs) DeMarais, of New Brighton, MN peacefully went to the Lord at the age of 84 on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at St. Therese hospice at St. Odilia's, after a five-year battle with pulmonary fibrosis/interstitial lung disease.

Marilyn was born on December 20, 1937 and grew up in North Minneapolis, MN with her parents Mathew and Florence Jacobs and her five siblings (Ron, Bruce, Jim, Sue, and Rita). She attended St. Anne's and St. Austin's parish, and graduated from St. Anthony High School in 1955 where she developed many lifelong friendships. After graduating from High School, she met the love of her life, Gordon C. DeMarais, and they were married on June 1, 1957, at St. Austin's Catholic Church.

Gordy and Marilyn live in New Hope, MN and were members of Saint Raphael's parish until the birth of four boys in five years necessitated a bigger house. They settled in Columbia Heights where three daughters were born. Gordy and Marilyn were active members of Immaculate Conception Catholic parish. In 1973, Marilyn lost her husband Gordy to cancer and devoted the rest of her 49 years to serving and loving her family. In 1974 Marilyn began working full-time at Totino-Grace High School in Fridley, MN, where she worked as an Academic Assistant until her retirement in 2001. Her time at Totino-Grace were blessed years where she embraced the LaSallian mission and formed friendships that were so important to her.

During this time she also went back to college, graduating from the College of

St. Catherine with her Bachelor of Arts degree in Oral and Writing Communication in 1988, and achieving her Masters of Arts degree in Computer Technology in the Classroom from the University of St. Thomas in 1994.

Marilyn moved to New Brighton in 2007 to live with her daughter and her family and became an active member in St. John the Baptist parish, and St. Odilia parish in Shoreview. She volunteered her time in service to others, was a lifelong learner and passionate about social justice, and spent many happy years volunteering with CommonBond Communities, Families Moving Forward, Befriender Ministry, singing in the church choir, going on mission trips, leading confirmation retreats, and sharing her faith and love with so many.

Marilyn is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Gordon Clement DeMarais, Sr., parents Matthew and Florence Jacobs, siblings Ronald Jacobs and Susan (Jacobs) Fitzer, grandchildren Melissa DeMarais and Nathan DeMarais, and great-grandchild Patrick DeMarais.

Marilyn is survived by her siblings Bruce Jacobs, Jim (Louise) Jacobs, and Rita (Pat) Schleeter, her children Gordy Jr (Teresa), Tom (Annmarie), Paul (Jean), Steve, Mari (Mike) Fellrath, Maggie (Todd) Arnevik, Lisa (Paul) Kline, 26 grandchildren, and 26 great-grandchildren.

Marilyn will be remembered as a kind and generous woman who made many sacrifices to care for the people in her life. Her deep faith in Jesus was the anchor of her life and her happy place was spending time with family and friends, scrapbooking, knitting/crocheting, and serving others.

Visitation Sunday June 19th from 3:00-6:00 pm at Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home, 515 Hwy 96, Shoreview, MN. 55126. Prayer service at 5:15 pm.

Mass of Christian Burial Monday June 20th at 11 am (visitation 10-11am) at the Church of St. Odilia, 3495 Victoria St., Shoreview, MN. A luncheon will immediately follow the mass.

Memorials to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, or the Crohns & Colitis

Foundation.

# Tribute Wall

ML

“ *May you rest assured that your beloved is in God's hands and out of pain. The Michael Lohr family, class of '75*

Michael Lohr - June 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *In my years on staff, I will always remember Marilyn as THE go to person when you needed something. She in many ways was the glue that held the faculty, students and administration together. Even 40 years later the thought of her puts a smile on my face. To her family and friends my deepest sympathy. She is not replaceable but I'm sure she has given you a lifetime of memories.*

michael heiges - June 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ *In these difficult moments, our prayers are with you and with the family. PEACE. Henry and Sabina Cappello*

Henry Cappello - June 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Truly Aunt Marilyn was a remarkable person.*

Michael Hanly - June 20, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ *May God's peace and healing grace be with you*

Al & Emily Kraling - June 20, 2022 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Gordy,

*Know of our continued prayers for you and your family.*

*We love you!*

*N&C*



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**Nathan & Caroline Metzinger** - June 20, 2022 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *My wife Ann and I wish to extend our sincere condolences to the entire DeMarais family during this time of loss. Please know that our prayers are with you.*

*Greg and Ann Schiffer*

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**Gregory L Schiffer** - June 20, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ *We are praying for you all and her journey to the Father. Unfortunately we are in Kansas City for Father's Day and will not make it back in time today.*

*Love and prayers,  
Dennis and Mary Helen*

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**Dennis and Mary Helen O'Hare** - June 20, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TI

“ Praying for you all during your time of sorrow and grief.



Tim - June 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Gordy I am sorry for your loss. May all the angels and saints come to greet her. May Jesus claim her as his own. May she know the joy of seeing Jesus face to face.



Barbara McCrabb - June 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Charming and sophisticated throughout her long life!



Beck Jasper - June 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ My condolences to Aunt Marilyn's extended family and friends. It was always great to see her at the occasional family events we both showed up at. My dad will be glad to see her up yonder.

Ron Jacobs Jr - June 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ *Your mom was special to everyone at TG and loved by all. She exemplified Christian values, strength, and compassion to everyone that walked through its doors and will remain forever in our hearts.*

*Our love and prayers to all.*

*~The Olin Family (Debbie, John, Mike and Steve)*

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**Debbie Olin** - June 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM