



## Marilyn Nystrom

April 8, 1945 - September 26, 2020

Marilyn DeWeerd Nystrom, age 75 of New Brighton, passed away September 26, 2020 surrounded by her daughters and granddaughter in J.A. Wedum Residential Hospice Center. Marilyn was born in Sioux City, IA on April 8, 1945 to Gus and Marjorie DeWeerd. She moved to Minnesota in 1961, where she met and married the love of her life, Gary Nystrom. Together they had Joelle and Alyssa. Marilyn brought joy to all those she touched with her infectious smile, joy in life, her sparkle and sense of humor. She spent many days enjoying her “hippie van,” and attending to her beautiful home and garden. She was the mom and grandma that never missed the chance to celebrate a birthday or holiday, and seldom missed the artistic performances of her daughters and granddaughters. Marilyn always gave extraordinary attention and thoughtfulness to the cards and gifts she bestowed. “All I ever wanted to be was a mom,” she said many times. She excelled in her role as a loving mother and grandmother. Marilyn had a great sense of adventure, and loved traveling and trying new things with her friends and family. She was proud to fly with her daughter Joelle, a pilot who followed in Marilyn’s father’s footsteps, tracing his many miles flown in Alaska. Marilyn was a longtime friend of Bill and Lois Wilson. Her friends and neighbors were like family, and Marilyn was especially grateful to those who supported her with prayers and practical help that allowed her to remain in her home of 51 years. Her very special friends included Linda Bergherr, Mary Bot, Mary Noble, Bob Johnson, Dianne Cline, Dianne Doppler and Sue Pellow. Marilyn is survived by

daughters Joelle Petersen of Fort Meyers, FL and Alyssa (Hans) Miller of Fargo, North Dakota, granddaughters Grace Miller of Rochester, NY, Mia Miller of Minneapolis, MN, Camille Miller of Fargo, ND, and Miss Itty Bitty Kitty. Marilyn was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 39 years, Gary Nystrom, her parents Gus and Marjorie DeWeerd and her brother David DeWeerd. A deep lover of animals near and far, Marilyn requested memorials be sent to the WORLD WILDLIFE FUND (WWF) in lieu of flowers. Funeral service to be held Thursday October 8th, at 11AM with visitation one hour prior at St. Odilia Catholic Community. For those unable to attend the service will be available via live webcast at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCInGngY2PshVKdCVydxoWKg>. Masks and social distancing are required for all in attendance.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

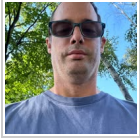
St. Odilia Catholic Church  
3495 Victoria Street N.  
Shoreview, MN 55126

## Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ We were only neighbors with Marilyn for the last 3 years. She was a truly remarkable lady! Every time we saw her outside she would say hello and talk for a while and she always had a smile! I'll never forget the day she first introduced herself. She came over with a plate of home made chocolate chip cookies and a cake. She made us feel welcome right from the start of us moving in. She loved our dogs too, even though they bark! If they were outside she would always say hi to them. She loved her garden and yard and she was always giving us advice on how to make ours as nice. Of course, nothing will ever compare to Marilyn's!

Our condolences to Joelle, Alyssa, Grace, Mia, and Camille. She will always and forever be missed.

Chad and Kristina Fehn

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**Chad Fehn** - October 08, 2020 at 01:30 PM

MA

Chad and Kristina - we were neighbors across the street 45 years ago and Marilyn was the first person to come over with a plate of cookies back then too. She was truly one of a kind and will be missed by so many.

Mark Norquist

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**Mark** - October 09, 2020 at 04:56 PM

KR

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your beautiful momma (and grandma). A beautiful, classy lady...and the apple hasn't dropped far from the tree.

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**Kriste Rehkamp Ross** - October 07, 2020 at 04:57 PM

CM

“ So sorry for your loss, Alyssa and Joelle, and also to Grace, Mia and Camille for the loss of their wonderful grandmother. "MarBear" was such a fun lady - always a delight to have around. We have such great memories of her at various family events over the years. She was so proud of all of you, and loved celebrating your lives.

*Thinking of you all during this difficult time - Carmen Miller, Tim Purdon and Claudia Purdon.*

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**Carmen Miller** - October 07, 2020 at 03:44 PM

MJ

“ Will never laugh so hard as I laughed with her 😭

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**mary jane** - October 06, 2020 at 07:57 PM

RS

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Rosemary Spielmann** - October 06, 2020 at 12:43 PM

MJ

*Oh how wonderful she was in this role 💕*

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**mary jane** - October 06, 2020 at 07:36 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Marilyn Nystrom.



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October 05, 2020 at 06:20 PM



“ I wanted to express my feelings of sympathy for the Nystrom family and friends. I know Marilyn has left you with many precious memories and will be greatly missed.

Arne

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**Arne Petersen** - October 05, 2020 at 05:35 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Arne Petersen** - October 05, 2020 at 05:24 PM



“ Marilyn was a wonderful neighbor. She babysat me and then I babysat her kids! I will never forget her love of her garden and cat "BOOGIE" who would sit and watch my every move. Rest in peace Marilyn and my prayers to the family.

Lynnette Kush Hawkinson

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**Lynnette Hawkinson** - October 05, 2020 at 02:36 PM

RS

“Marilyn fought such a good fight, always with an upbeat attitude. Her smile, kindness, and thoughtfulness are the legacies she leaves in the world. I worked with Marilyn at Silverwood Park. She understood grief better than anyone I have met. She gave from the core of who she was to help others on that path. She had such high expectations for excellence. Her ability to eek excellence out of the most difficult situations and come back the next day ready to do it all over again was a true superpower. Man, I am going to miss chatting with her. My deepest sympathies to Joelle and Alyssa...I heard about all your accomplishments and the fun she had on trips with you and to see you. Grace, Mia, and Camille, your grandma talked about you all the time. She was so proud of all your brilliant talents, and accomplishments. She had a precious love for each of you. The thought of her being back with Gary warms my heart. Rest in peace and love sweet lady.

*Rosemary Spielmann*

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**Rosemary Spielmann** - October 05, 2020 at 01:47 PM

DJ

“Marilyn was so special. She took the time to support me in my personal loss. I am fortunate to have met her. She will be missed.  
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*Doris Johnson*

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**Doris Johnson** - October 05, 2020 at 01:13 PM

BJ

“A wonderful time with this beautiful lady the last 5 years. Will surely miss her. *Bob Johnson*

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**Bob Johnson** - October 05, 2020 at 11:56 AM

LB

“ *A beautiful obituary with a beautiful photo for a beautiful person; I'm so grateful for beautiful memories. Linda Bergherr*

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**Linda Bergherr** - October 05, 2020 at 09:51 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Marilyn Nystrom.*



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October 04, 2020 at 06:28 PM