



## Marion Marcella Patterson

August 14, 1928 - May 16, 2023

### Marion Marcella Patterson

In loving memory of Marion Marcella Patterson, who passed away peacefully on May 16, 2023, surrounded by her family. She was born on August 14, 1928, in Minneapolis, MN to Irene and Owen Jones. Marion grew up in Northeast Minneapolis with three older sisters and graduated from Edison High School. After graduation, Marion worked a variety of office jobs, moving with a girlfriend to Washington state and then to Alaska. Quite adventurous for a woman in the early 1950s.

Upon returning to Minnesota, she met Bill in 1953 and after a brief courtship, they married on October 9, 1954. While working for NW Bell, Bill came across a 20-acre parcel of property for sale in Coon Rapids. He took Marion out to look at the place in the dark, her family couldn't believe that she would move out to the boondocks. They bought it, nearly sight unseen, and it was there they started their family. In 1964 with their 5th child on the way, they decided to build a new home on the same 20 acres. Marion lived in that house for 48 years.

Marion's creativity was evident in many of her hobbies. She was an exceptional baker and cake decorator, making beautiful birthday cakes for her children. Christmas cookies and caramel rolls were among her many specialties. She also had a love for gardening. Marion created beautifully landscaped perennial gardens; she especially loved hostas and native plants.

Marion's real passion was traveling. During retirement, she and Bill traveled extensively with trips to Scotland, Ireland, Wales, England, Norway, Finland, Russia, Egypt, China, Taiwan, Cambodia, Thailand, Fiji Islands, New Zealand, Australia, Germany, the Czech Republic, and Belgium.

Marion's love for research, reading, and words was lifelong. She completed genealogy research for Bill's family before there was Ancestry.com, and compiled an extensive book with her findings. She enjoyed reading historical fiction especially if it was set in the United Kingdom. Even while living with dementia, she spent hours doing word search puzzles each day and she entertained her caregivers and family with rhyming songs and poems.

Most of all, Marion loved her family - Bill, their five children, six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren. She often said she couldn't ask for a better family.

Marion was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years Bill and daughter Lisa Kalla. She is survived by children, Kim (Dave) Fey, Kathy (Peter Smith), David (Polly Roach), Julie (Steve) McGrath, and son-in-law Gary Kalla.

Grandchildren Allison (Eric) Williford, Andrea (Brandon) Miller, Peter Kalla, Emily McGrath, Molly (Tony) Sackett, Joe McGrath (Haylee Love). Great grandchildren, Micah Williford, Payton, Carter and Cole Miller and many nieces, nephews and friends. She will be missed by all.

Thanks to the wonderful staff at the Johanna Shores memory care unit who took such loving care of Marion for the past four years. In lieu of flowers memorials preferred to Second Harvest Heartland or Como Friends. Memorial service 3:00 PM on Thursday, June 1st with visitation one hour prior to service all at:

[www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com)

Hillside Chapel 612-781-1999

2610 19th Ave NE, Mpls

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 1. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Hillside Chapel  
2610 19th Avenue N.E.  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

## Memorial Service

JUN 1. 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Bill & The Glennon Family, Boston. purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Marion Marcella Patterson.* ”



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**Bill & The Glennon Family, Boston.** - May 31, 2023 at 08:43 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marion Marcella Patterson.* ”



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May 30, 2023 at 09:41 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marion Marcella Patterson.* ”

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May 21, 2023 at 07:59 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Marion Marcella Patterson.* ”



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