



Marlene Marie DeLong

December 15, 1930 - March 19, 2021

MARLENE DELONG

Marlene Marie DeLong, age 90, passed away on Friday, March 19, 2021 at Presbyterian Homes-Valley Ridge in Burnsville, MN. She now resides in her eternal home in heaven. She was born December 15, 1930 in Berthold, ND to Sydney Wayne and Ethel Geneva (Longanecker) Berry. She was the youngest of 10 children, five brothers and four sisters.

After high school, Marlene attended Bethel College in St. Paul, MN and earned a degree in Christian Education. Marlene lived most of her life in Bloomington, MN and raised her four children there. She loved watching the wildlife and feeding the ducks from her backyard. She worked as the Administrative Assistant to the President of a Mutual of Omaha subsidiary and as the Executive Assistant to the Senior Pastors at Wooddale Baptist Church in Richfield, MN and at Grace Church in Edina, MN and Eden Prairie, MN. She was highly esteemed for her integrity, work ethic, organizational skills and her attention to detail.

Marlene had a strong faith in Jesus Christ. She sang in church choirs, taught Sunday School and Women's Bible classes, and directed Vacation Bible School. She studied the Bible and was a prayer warrior. She led all of her

children, and many others, to a personal relationship with the Lord. She always had a kind, encouraging or appreciative word for others. She was a blessing to all who knew her.

Marlene is survived by her children, sons Daniel (Debra) Stromwall, Jeffrey (Kamala) Stromwall, Joel (Deborah) Stromwall, and daughter DeAnne (David) Blanchard; 19 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, sisters, and one grandchild.

A private family service will take place on April 30th at Dawn Valley Memorial Park and Funeral Chapel in Bloomington, MN. Memorials may be sent to Operation Smile or Wycliffe Bible Translators.

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“ It was a great privilege to work with Marlene for many years at Grace Church. I rarely called her by her name, but rather called her “partner” as she was truly a partner in ministry. She had an amazing blend of grace, efficiency and competence, and was a great joy to work with. Since leaving Grace Church I have missed her so very much and look forward to seeing her again in God’s timeless kingdom. I cherish her memory and I’m grateful for her friendship. God bless you, my dear friend.

Dr. John Eagen - April 28, 2021 at 08:09 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marlene Marie DeLong.



April 28, 2021 at 08:05 AM