



## Marlene B Jorgensen

September 5, 1931 - October 27, 2025

Marlene Bernice Jorgensen (Hartung) 94 went home to be with her Lord and Savior on 10/27/2025.

Marlene was born in Minneapolis, MN on September 5, 1931 just as the Great Depression was underway, and lived through WWII. She is preceded in death by her parents, John and Evelyn (Smith) Hartung, sons Mike and Joey, great granddaughter Kaylee, brother John, sisters Jeanine Singleton, Mondavia (Tootie) Duran, and Adrienne Sandoval. She is survived by children Rick (Murrin), Dan (Mary), Bev Stethem, Audrey (Dave) Shultis and Terri (Elvin) Larsen Owens, grandchildren Chad (Tanya), Amy (Peter), Jennifer, Tammy, Katie (Grant), Danny, Matthew, Becky (Jeff), Ashley (Terrell) and Ryan (Amye), 16 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren, and sister Lynne Sandoval.

Marlene was a strong and independent woman, single-handedly raising six children on her own and making it look easy. When the youngest was old enough she went to work as a teaching assistant then spent her remaining professional life as a statistician for the Minneapolis Board of Education until she retired at the age of 67. She spent Tuesdays for many years having breakfast at Perkins with friends from high school - which she enjoyed very much, and close friends from work Margie and Marge, until they passed. She mostly enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren, going to

ball games and dance recitals, watching them all grow up into adults. She was our first and best teacher with real life advice and unconditional love. She was the best mother-in-law and "bonus mom", being there whenever she was needed, never judging, always loving and welcoming with open arms. She was simply the best!

On September 14, 2014, she suffered a stroke, then a brain bleed that caused her to spend her remaining years at Catholic Elder Care. We thank the staff at CEC for loving and caring for her for 11 years, especially Pam, Nancy, Bernice, Theo, Colin, Renata and so many others. Her children are forever grateful to them all. While living at CEC it was her greatest joy playing cards with her family - loving to leave them in the dust by beating them!

There will be a private interment for the family at Crystal Lake Cemetery at Penn and Dowling Avenues in Minneapolis, and then a Celebration of Life will be held on November 7, 2025, 1:00-5:00pm at the Freedom Park building, 2121 14th St NW, New Brighton, MN 55112. Her family welcomes all who wish to join us in celebrating Marlene's life. It was a life well lived, and she will be missed tremendously by all who knew and loved her.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to Catholic Elder Care, 817 Main St NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413 in Marlene's memory.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *She was such a lovely person every time I saw her. She was loving and sweet.* ”

**Kathleen Matt** - October 31, 2025 at 10:55 AM

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*Your family out of Saginaw, Michigan deepest condolences 🌸 and prayers. We love ❤️ you all from the Brooks family ❤️ 🤲🏻🤲🏻🤲🏻🤲🏻🤲🏻*

**Angelia Brooks** - November 01, 2025 at 05:05 PM

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*Marlene and family became my family in 1969. We met at "family camp" thru Northside Settlement Services. I became a member of her family and shared many, many activities with them. I am especially fond of the Memorial Day celebrations we had each and every year at Como Park. We went to the Park each and every year from then until forever. I shared each and every wedding, child birth and death with her and the family. I shall miss her every day I shall remain alive. She was me sister and will always remain my sister. I love you and will miss you fiercely. Love, Josey*

**Josey Warren** - November 01, 2025 at 11:05 PM