



Marlene Kay Keller

October 13, 1952 - May 13, 2024

Marlene Kay (Beving) Keller, 71, of Coon Rapids, Minnesota, passed away on May 13, 2024 after a very brief battle with Ovarian Cancer.

Marlene was born on October 13, 1952 to John (Jack) Beving and Phyllis (Boylan) Beving at Wesley Hospital in Wadena, Minnesota. Marlene grew up on a farm in Leaf River Township and was a member of Wadena County 4-H for 10 years in the Leaf River Builder 4-H Club.

After Marlene graduated from Wadena High School in 1970, she went on to study General Secretarial at Alexandria Technical College, graduating in 1971.

In 1971, Marlene met Allen Keller at his parents' house. Marlene and Allen married on June 24, 1972. Marlene and Allen went on to have 3 children, Denise, Jeremiah, and Joseph.

Marlene provided daycare to many children in her home for 9 and ½ years. After her youngest started kindergarten, she began her 35-year career with Anoka County, first as an Office Support Assistant in Public Health and then as a Receptionist in Social Services, retiring in 2022.

Marlene spent her spare time volunteering. From 1984 until 1987 Marlene was a Girl Scout Troop leader. During her time volunteering with Girl Scouts,

she helped with Day Camps and was a Service Unit Cookie Mother.

In 1985, Marlene started her long volunteer career with Anoka County 4-H. During the 39 years as a volunteer, Marlene was a club leader for Rapid Rascals 4-H Club, a major part of the Anoka County Dog Project and was part of the Minnesota State 4-H Dog Project Development Committee (PDC), served as Treasurer for many years on the Anoka County 4-H Management Committee. Marlene loved coordinating events, serving as State Dog Show Coordinator for 10 years, coordinating various state Dog Project Trainings, among many other things. Anoka County 4-H and the Minnesota State Dog PDC are going to miss her greatly.

Marlene was preceded in death by her parents, brothers: James (Jim) and Roger Beving, sister: Ramona (Mona) Luoma; her in-laws: Norbert and Lucille Keller, her brother-in-law: Duane Keller, sister-in-laws: Betty Keller and Louisa Keller, nephews: Donald Beving, Craig Beving and Ryan Keller, and niece: Gail Johnson; and her special cousin: Janice Charchenko.

She is survived by her husband Allen, Brother: John Beving of Fargo, ND, Daughter: Denise Keller of Sebeka, MN, Sons: Jeremiah (Rin) Keller of Coon Rapids, MN and Joseph (Julie) Keller of Minneapolis, MN. Grandchildren: William Larson, Ella Keller, and Rasmay Keller. Sister-in-Laws: Diane Beving, Janet Beving, Kathleen (Roger) Bagley, and Darlene (Dennis) Stewart. Brother-in-Laws: Warner Luoma, Kenneth Keller, Gordon (Wendy) Keller. Marlene is also survived by her special cousins Bruce Alt and Barb Snyder, along with numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Services will be held at Washburn-McReavy-Coon Rapids Chapel on Saturday, May 25, 2024, at 11:00am, with visitation an hour before the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Marlene Keller Memorial 4-H Dog Scholarship.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Memorial Service

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