



## Marlene Mae Nickel

December 5, 1937 - May 11, 2024

Marlene M. Nickel

Age 86, mom passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 11, 2024. She was born in Hastings, MN on December 5, 1937. Mom fought a good fight with dementia as the disease slowly took away her warm, loving, and bright personality. She was the oldest of three children, born to Harold and Leona Ruhr.

Mom had an avid love for children. She worked at Sunnyside Elementary School for twenty-five years, first as a para, then assisting teachers in classrooms, and finally working with children having learning disabilities. She thrived for many years in these roles, spending countless hours at work and home, planning lessons, helping to instruct the children, and loving them where they were in their life. When her grandchildren were born a new love was born in mom's heart.

Another passion of mom's was her church, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in New Brighton. She loved everything Catholic and especially Father Paul whom she had many warm conversations. Mom and dad spent countless hours with the church community, from volunteering at the Fall Festival and being involved in Prime Timers, to working with engaged couples. Mom loved the Mass and gave out communion to the church members and was an avid

part of putting together a book of the churches' history. Church was especially important to mom and dad and was a major contributor in adding a multitude of friends to their lives. We will miss our dear and sweet mom greatly.

Survived by brother, Bob Ruhr; sister, Shirley Scroggins; daughters, Terri and Diane; grandkids, Julie, Michelle, Taylor and Kaleb; great-grandchildren, Blake, Brooklynn, Brody, Mason and Mackenzie; as well as many dear relatives.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday, May 21st at 10:30 AM (Visitation 9:30 - 10:30 AM) at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church; 835 - 2nd Avenue NW, New Brighton, MN. Luncheon following.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 21. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
835 2nd Avenue NW  
New Brighton, MN 55112

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 21. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

RL

“ I worked closely with Marlene at Sunnyside all those years. I also enjoyed being entertained in her home on several occasions. She was a wonderful worker and beautiful hostess. Our last opportunity to chat was at the state fair a few years ago. A wonderful woman and friend!  
My sympathy to the family

Renae Larson - May 17, 2024 at 09:13 AM

DD

Renae my Mom always talked so highly of you and your fabulous teaching capabilities to the students at Sunnyside School. Thanks for your wonderful words. Diane Dubej (Nickel)

Diane dubej - May 17, 2024 at 11:20 PM

KC

I worked at Sunnyside for 17 years and I knew Marlene well. She was always such a positive person with a ready smile. I am so sorry for your loss but she's now reunited with your dad and they are both happy together again. Peace to your entire family. Katy Livingston

Katy Livingston Sunnyside coworker - May 19, 2024 at 06:22 PM

MC

“ Terri, Diane and family. I had the true pleasure of having Frank and Marlene as neighbors in Blaine for several years. Truly two of the nicest people I have every met. Always enjoyed time spent with them. My sincere condolences to you all.

Mark Campbell - May 16, 2024 at 10:39 AM

DD

Thank you Mark for your kind words. Diane Dubej (Nickel)

Diane dubej - May 17, 2024 at 11:20 PM

CG

*Marlene was my neighbor on 126th Ln. She was so sweet. We spent a lot of time together. I always teased her that she would indeed have made a fabulous/ loving nun. I was blessed to have known her. My deepest condolences to her family. May she rest in peace❤️*

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**Cindy G** - February 11, 2025 at 11:54 AM