



Marlene Sue O'Dell

January 5, 1936 - July 9, 2025

Marlene Sue O'Dell, age 89, passed away peacefully on July 9, 2025, in Ramsey, Minnesota. Born on January 5, 1936, in Robbinsdale, Minnesota. Marlene graduated from Robbinsdale High School in 1954. Marlene lived a full and vibrant life rooted in love for her family and simple joys.

Marlene was the beloved mother of her surviving daughters Karen (Andy) Richards and Renée (Scott) Carby, and cherished mother-in-law to Deborah Klaus. She was preceded in death by her son Robert R. Klaus and grandson Robert K. Klaus. Her legacy continues through her grandchildren: Matthew (Allison) Richards, Mallory (John) Klaus, Tony Klaus, Andrea (Jordan) Nimlos, Katie Klaus, Lindsey (Phil) Klaus, Kyle Carby, Tommy Perrone, Tanya Carby and Torri Carby. She was also a proud great-grandmother to Robert and William; June and Ruth; Aksel, Judah and Mikaela; Jeremiah, Josiah and LaRayah; and Layne.

Family was at the heart of Marlene's life. She shared deep bonds with her surviving siblings- Florence (Ernie) Stanton, Jane (Jim) Peterson, David (Carol) O'Dell, Paul (Connie) O'Dell -and held dear the memory of her late siblings Joanna (Richard) Stuller, Kenneth (Barbara) O'Dell, William (Connie) O'Dell, Delilah (Ken) Dallin, Thomas (Ruth) O'Dell and Barbara O'Dell. She was a treasured aunt to many nieces and nephews who brought joy to her life over the years.

Marlene found happiness in life's simple pleasures. She loved to read and could often be found immersed in a good book. Long walks brought her peace and reflection. She enjoyed cooking, quilting, knitting and doing puzzles. She also loved to travel (her favorite place was Italy) and was delighted in music that stirred her soul-often dancing with joy whenever the opportunity arose. She loved to decorate and kept a very neat home. Above all else, she cherished time spent with her family; those moments were the true highlights of her days.

She was the daughter of the late Violet (Hoyt) O'Dell and Chester O'Dell- whose values helped shape the woman she became.

Marlene's warmth and presence will be deeply missed by all who knew her. May her memory bring comfort to those who loved her and inspiration to those who carry forward the spirit of connection she so deeply valued. As she stated "I love life, God and the U.S.A."

Please join us in a Celebration of Marlene's Life
Saturday, September 27, 2025, at 12:00p.m.
2 Bridge Square
Anoka, MN 55303

Lunch will be provided. Parking is available in the parking ramp across the street or in the back by the park Drop-offs at the front door are ok.

Tribute Wall

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“ Carolyn Spence and Family purchased the Savory Farmhouse Gift Box for the family of Marlene Sue O'Dell.



Carolyn Spence and Family - August 25, 2025 at 11:11 AM

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“ Carolyn Spence and Family purchased the Solar Angel Statue to Send as Unique Sympathy Gift Remembrance for the family of Marlene Sue O'Dell.



Carolyn Spence and Family - August 25, 2025 at 11:04 AM

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“ Carolyn Spence and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marlene Sue O'Dell.

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