



Marlyn Joan Dahl

October 26, 1936 - July 11, 2019

Dahl, Marlyn Joan age 82, of Cambridge, MN (formerly of Ashby, MN), passed away peacefully, Thursday, July 11, 2019, surrounded by her family. Survived by daughters, Theresa (Shelby) Lindemer, Linda Dahl, Sandra (Raymond) Strantz, 3 sisters, 9 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and many relatives and friends. Preceded in death by her husband, Donald, of 63 years, 5 brothers, and 3 sisters. Marlyn was a great lady! She was a devoted daycare provider who proudly obtained her GED and became a Certified Nursing Assistant. She enjoyed fishing, camping, playing tennis, and was an avid walker. Mom was an accomplished seamstress and knitter, passing these talents on to her daughters. She loved thrift store and garage sale shopping, cherished time spent with her brothers and sisters, and was a fun loving and caring grandmother. Her all-time favorite past time was playing scrabble with anyone who stopped by. Graveside service 11:00 AM Friday, July 19 at Crystal Lake Cemetery, 3816 Penn Ave N., Mpls.

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Crystal Lake Chapel 612-521-3677

Cemetery Details

Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 19. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Crystal Lake Cemetery
3816 Penn Avenue North
Minneapolis, MN 55412
(612) 521-7619
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Tribute Wall



“ *Sallie Anna purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Marlyn Joan Dahl.*



Sallie Anna - July 17, 2019 at 11:01 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Marlyn Joan Dahl.*



July 17, 2019 at 11:37 AM

 Sallie
Anna

“ *Grandma Dahl taught me so much... How to knit and crochet... How to spot a bargain at the many thrift stores and garage sales she took me to... How to bait a hook and catch and clean a fish... And how to do a headstand!*

She loved to joke around and we had many little jokes between us. Grandma was quick with wit and loved to play games: cards, dominoes, and especially Scrabble. I remember staying up til about 4 AM one time when I was a kid, drinking coffee and playing dominoes with Grandma. She wasn't a very formally-educated woman but she always liked to learn and I remember her picking up copies of National Geographic at the thrift store. She also loved words and language and kept many second-hand dictionaries around the house that she used when she played Scrabble.

Grandma had a true motherly spirit and took care of me one summer when I was very sick. She also made a hell of a pumpkin muffin.

Grandma Dahl taught by example. I remember when I was about 10 years old, she wanted to teach me to polka, so she cleared out the dining table in the kitchen and we got to dancing.

Grandma Dahl taught me to be a strong woman, to speak up and to advocate for myself even if social constraints told me not to. Grandma didn't mince words or have much of a filter and spoke up when she had an opinion. She saw the hard lives that her mother and grandmother had, and also the ways that they managed to thrive despite that. She told of how her grandmother, Leetha Lynnetta, had worked as a seamstress out of her home in order to make ends meet after her husband left. Grandma Dahl admired independent, funny, and honest women and had a strong respect for the hardships people faced.

I did a little oral history recording with my grandma a few years ago. Here's one of my favorite excerpts from it. We had been talking

about how she used to play baseball at school:

[Marlyn] Back then girls weren't supposed to play stuff like that. In fact, we weren't even supposed to wear jeans.

[Sallie] Did you wear jeans?

[Marlyn] Yeah. When I finally did, I got called into the dean of the girls, you know. She was supposed to direct us, you know. What a joke.

[Sallie] (laughing) Why?

[Marlyn] You weren't supposed to wear pants to school. My dad came in there and told her off.

[Sallie] Yeah?

[Marlyn] (laughing) He says, we're supposed to come to school to learn, not about what we wear.

[Sallie] Well that's nice.

[Marlyn] They sent me to study hall the rest of the day.

[Sallie] Oh yeah? Did you ever wear jeans to school after that?

[Marlyn] Well, sure I did. (Sallie laughing) We had one girl [a classmate], they were rich, you know...She got to wear jeans, and they never did nothing to her.

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Grandma also taught me her table prayer...

"Father, son, and holy ghost

Whoever eat the fastest, gets the most."

And then we'd dig in.

RIP, Grandma. Love you.

Sallie Anna - July 15, 2019 at 11:10 PM

MP

“ *Michelle Peterman-Galvez lit a candle in memory of Marlyn Joan Dahl*



Michelle Peterman-Galvez - July 15, 2019 at 08:17 AM

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“ *Michelle Peterman-Galvez and Marianne Peterman purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marlyn Joan Dahl.*



Michelle Peterman-Galvez and Marianne Peterman - July 15, 2019 at 07:56 AM

KA

“ *Karen lit a candle in memory of Marlyn Joan Dahl*



karen - July 14, 2019 at 03:26 PM

SG

“ *SISTER LINDA AND TOM GOARD purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Marlyn Joan Dahl.*



SISTER LINDA AND TOM GOARD - July 14, 2019 at 02:46 PM