



Marlys Joan Anderson

June 3, 1937 - August 19, 2024

Marlys Joan Anderson, a beloved mother, devoted teacher, and cherished member of her community, passed away peacefully on August 19, 2024, at the age of 87. Born in Renville County, Minnesota, Marlys was the daughter of Jennings and Florence Pettis, she was raised with a strong sense of faith and family.

Marlys graduated from Hector High School, where she first began to nurture her love for education and home economics. She continued her studies at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, earning a bachelor's degree in Home Economics and Education. Her passion for teaching led her to further her education at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, where she obtained a master's degree in special education.

For many years, Marlys dedicated her life to teaching Home Economics and Special Education, touching the lives of countless students with her patience, kindness, and unwavering commitment to their success. She believed in the power of education to transform lives and took great pride in helping her students achieve their fullest potential.

A talented seamstress and quilter, Marlys found joy in creating beautiful, handcrafted pieces that reflected her attention to detail and love for the art. Her quilts, in particular, were treasured by family and friends, often becoming

heirlooms passed down through generations.

Marlys also had a deep love for music and was known for her beautiful singing voice. She sang with joy and devotion, both at home and in her church, where she was an active and faithful member of the Lutheran congregation. Her faith was a cornerstone of her life, guiding her actions and bringing comfort to those around her.

Marlys is preceded in death by her parents, Jennings and Florence Pettis; as well as her brother, Jerome Pettis. She is survived by her children, Lisa Strube, Mark Schneider, and Carla (Mark) Thompson; grandchildren, RJ (Ashley) Strube, Gretchen (Joe) McCarthy, Jack Schneider, Ellen Schneider, Sydney Thompson, and Danielle Thompson, great-grandchildren, Talia Strube and Beckett McCarthy; as well as many dear friends and former students who will remember her warmth, generosity, and the light she brought into their lives. She was a woman of grace, strength, and compassion, who lived her life in service to others and to her faith. Marlys Joan Anderson will be dearly missed but forever remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

A celebration of Marlys's life will be held on Saturday, September 21, at 11 AM, at Washburn-McReavy Eden Prairie Chapel, 7625 Mitchell Rd, Eden Prairie, MN 55344. Visitation one hour prior. For those who are unable to attend in person, a livestream of the service will be available on Marlys's obituary page on www.Washburn-McReavy.com

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in her memory to Alzheimer's of MN.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Eden Prairie Chapel
7625 Mitchell Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Celebration of Life

SEP **21**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Memorial Service for Marlys Joan Anderson in memory of Marlys Joan Anderson



Washburn-McReavy - August 20, 2024 at 06:36 PM

KB

“ I was in choir at Normandale Lutheran Church with Marlys for years, and always appreciated her upbeat personality, as well as her kindness and encouragement as I was solo parenting my special needs child.

Kris Bigalk - September 11, 2024 at 08:43 AM

DF

“ Marlys was a very special person to our family and to many others who crossed her paths in and out of her classroom.

Her energetic and compassionate demeanor was contagious. You were fortunate to catch it.

Our condolences to her family. Yes, she was very special.

Diane and Dennis Friese

Dennis Friese - August 30, 2024 at 02:59 PM

GH

“ Thinking of you and your family! I will certainly miss Marlys at Summerwood. She was a joy to care for.

Grace Heiland - August 23, 2024 at 09:20 AM

LS

We can't thank you enough Grace! Lisa

Lisa Strube - August 28, 2024 at 06:03 PM

YT

“ Carla,

Sending my condolences to you and your family.

~Ms. Toko

Yvette Toko - August 22, 2024 at 03:29 PM

LM

“ We worked with Marlys for many years. Such a warm, caring and talented woman. She will be missed. ❤️❤️. Linda and Gerry Mullikin

linda mullikin - August 22, 2024 at 08:56 AM

BR

So many wonderful memories of Marlys. She was a dedicated teacher, beautiful seamstress, true friend, and devoted mother and grandmother. Rest in peace dear lady.
Barbara Rhodus

Barbara Rhodus - August 22, 2024 at 11:00 AM

LS

Thank you Linda, you and Gerry were always such dear friends! You as well Barb. We always felt like we had our school family around! Lisa

Lisa Strube - August 28, 2024 at 06:02 PM

AM

*She was a wonderful friend and neighbor at Creekside.
Enjoyed many wonderful times with her.
My deepest sympathies and prayers for your family.
Ardis Moy*

Ardis Moy - September 17, 2024 at 06:14 PM