



Marlene Balan

January 22, 1943 - September 23, 2020

Marlene Carol Balan (Lipsky) was born January 23, 1943 in Rochester, New York. She passed away peacefully on September 23, 2020 at Providence Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane, Washington from a brief illness.

When Marlene was about 3 years old her family moved to Detroit, Michigan where she grew up.

As a young girl growing up, Marlene took ballet, piano and ballroom dance lessons. Many weekends were also spent at the roller skating rink. She also enjoyed acting and had leading roles in several plays.

Marlene graduated from Mumford High School in Detroit and then attended Wayne State University where she graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Early Childhood Education. She then earned a Masters Degree in the same field. Marlene loved teaching and was a Kindergarten teacher for over 20 years.

Marlene married her high school sweetheart Bob Balan in 1962. They had 1 daughter.

In the late 1970's Marlene and her family moved to California permanently when Bob accepted a job with United Airlines.

She is preceded in death by her former husband Bob Balan, parents Rita and Irving Lipsky, sister Rhoda Lubaski, and daughter Cynthia Beth Balan.

She is survived by her Granddaughter Brittani Balan Porter, Great Grandson Omasal, nephew Kevin Lubaski and several cousins

To ensure the health and safety of our community, we are following all guidelines set by local, state and CDC officials. If you are planning on attending a service, please contact the funeral home in advance, so that we can plan accordingly.

Comments



“ I remember Marlene fondly as part of our kindergarten team at Warwick School years ago. Marlene was always so kind, friendly, and supportive. She was very outgoing and had an infectious laugh. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends at this difficult time. Be at peace.

Jo-Ann Fread
Tracy, California

Jo-Ann Fread - October 10, 2020 at 01:33 AM



“ I had the pleasure to take care of Marlene these last few years. I will forever think of her when I see a butterfly or the color purple, and costume jewelry. She gave me a great gift of confidence in what I do for a living. She will be missed every day I breathe. Rest In Peace my dear friend!



tamara hodge - October 08, 2020 at 01:28 PM



“ I have spent the last few years with Marlene. I will never forget the time I had with her. She gave me so much more confidence in myself and what I do for a living. I will forever think of her when I see the color purple or a butterfly. May you Rest In Peace my dear friend. Love always Tami



tamara hodge - October 08, 2020 at 01:16 PM



“ Marlene's friendship was one of the very first that I made when we moved to Fremont in 1989. We remained friends even after we moved to S. CA in 2014. We talked on the phone several times per week and she always thanked me for keeping in touch. I will dearly miss Marlene and her graciousness. She will remain in my heart forever. With love and hugs, Pat F

Pat - October 06, 2020 at 07:42 PM



“ Pat and Dave Fortmeier purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Marlene Balan.



Pat and Dave Fortmeier - October 06, 2020 at 07:31 PM



“ Marlene had a long and successful career as a kindergarten teacher with Fremont Unified School District for over 20 years. I worked her at Azevada and Warwick Elementary Schools where we were colleagues and good friends. We shared work, life, family, friends, laughter and tears for over 15 years. Her shoulder shaking laughter is one of my fondest memories. She loved to laugh! I am grateful for her life and the difference she made in mine.

Barbara Chandler
Fremont, California

Barbara Chandler - October 04, 2020 at 08:45 AM



“ To the Family of Marilyn,

I had the honor and pleasure to work with Marilyn when she was one of our outstanding kindergarten teachers at our school. She was always kind, friendly, and conscientious. Thank you for the many contributions you made in the lives of children at our school. RIP.

Susan



Susan - October 01, 2020 at 06:47 PM



“ Marlene was a creative, generous, beautiful woman. I am her cousin Linda's daughter. I grew up in Michigan and have many fond memories of family gatherings at Rita's home (Marlene's mother). We always had amazing food and wonderful conversations. I remember being a child - my sisters and I always wanted to get to the family room as quickly as possible, because we knew that there would be a bowl filled with Hershey's chocolates! As an adult, I had the opportunity to travel to California on business, and was near to where Marlene was living at the time. We were able to get together for dinner - that was the last time I saw her in person. I will miss her, and I know that my mom will miss Marlene so much - they were like sisters.

Melanie Bolke
Austin, TX

Melanie B - October 01, 2020 at 05:33 PM



“ Marlene was my cousin. We grew up together in Michigan. We spent a lot of time doing fun things. I will miss her dearly. Rest In Peace my sweet cousin. Sincerely,
Linda Bryce Georgetown, Texas

Linda Bryce - October 01, 2020 at 09:46 AM