



Marilyn Blanchard

July 23, 1948 - January 10, 2022

Per request of the Blanchard family, the funeral mass for Marilyn Blanchard has been postponed until 11:00 AM on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at St. Mark Catholic Church in Iowa Falls. Visitation will be from 9:30 AM until service time on Tuesday at the church.

Marilyn Blanchard, 73, of Ankeny and formerly of Iowa Falls, passed away Monday, January 10, 2022 at Edencrest in Ankeny. Funeral mass will be 11:00 AM on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at St. Mark Catholic Church in Iowa Falls. She will be laid to rest at a later date at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery. Visitation will be from 09:30 AM until service time on Tuesday at the church. Counsell Woodley Funeral Home of Iowa Falls is caring for Marilyn and her family. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to the family which will be designated to assist with Alzheimer's research.

Marilyn Elizabeth Blanchard was a caring wife, mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, daughter, sister and friend. She left this world peacefully on January 10, 2022, at the age of 73.

Marilyn Elizabeth Blanchard was born on July 23, 1948 to Jim and Dorothy (Moran) Barnes in Anamosa, Iowa. Marilyn spent her childhood in Springville. She attended sporting events with her dad and brothers and learned how to become a homemaker from her mother. After graduating from high school,

she attended Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids. She obtained her License of Practical Nursing. In December of 1969, Marilyn was set up on a blind date with Timothy Blanchard and they were married on July 11, 1970. Tim and Marilyn lived in Vinton and together they had five children: Mike, Chris, Molly, Amy and Aaron. Tim and Marilyn moved their family to Iowa Falls in 1980 and spent 38 years raising children, being business owners and enjoying their community by the river. Besides being a homemaker, throughout her life, Marilyn taught nursery school at Community Nursery School, she owned and managed the Candy Connection and Wagon Wheel, she also managed the Boyt Outlet Store, and nursed at Scenic Manor. In 2018, Tim and Marilyn moved to Ankeny to be closer to their grandkids.

Marilyn loved spending time cheering on her children and grandchildren at various sporting events. She lived for vacationing with her family at the lake. She treasured the time spent on the boat with her children and her grandkids. She always had an open table for friends and family to enjoy good conversation and cookies. She looked forward to her friends coming over to play cards and games. Marilyn also loved her dogs as much as people and loved taking them on walks to the park. Times such as these filled Marilyn's heart and were what she carried in her memories throughout these past few years.

As a young girl, Marilyn wrote of her dream to be a good wife and mother. She enjoyed a great life of dreams fulfilled. Even in her final days, when asked how she was doing, Marilyn would smile and say, "Pretty good for an old lady." Although her memories started to fade, her sense of humor and caring spirit was forever present and comforting.

Marilyn Blanchard is survived by her husband, Timothy Blanchard of Ankeny, Iowa; children, Mike Blanchard of Chigasaki, Japan, Chris (Kristy) Blanchard of Polk City, Iowa, Molly (Sam) Wendel of Polk City, Iowa, Amy (Aaron) Witt of

Johnston, Iowa and Aaron (Rakhi) Blanchard of Las Vegas, Nevada; grandchildren: Sophie, Drew and Ian Blanchard, Kennedy, Mia and Morgan Wendel, Holden, Henry and Harper Witt, Ariya, Sierra Nathu and Juhl Blanchard. She is also survived by her brothers, Bill (Marlene) Barnes of Anamosa, Iowa and Chuck (Mary) Barnes of Anamosa, Iowa and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jim and Dorothy Barnes.

Cemetery Details

Iowa Veterans Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mark Catholic Church
415 Main St
Iowa Falls, IA 50126

Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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415 Main St
Iowa Falls, IA 50126

Tribute Wall



“ *Dear Blanchard Family, I was saddened to learn of Marilyn’s passing. She was a joy to be with and her laughter was infectious. Such a beautiful soul!*

Lynda Lamport (Chad Bormann’s mom)

Lynda Lamport - January 18, 2022 at 08:29 AM



“ *Dear Bill, Marlene, Chuck, Mary, Tim and Family,
Our deepest condolences to you and your families. I remember Marilyn in school as a very quiet, sweet person. Treasure your memories and know we will keep you all in our prayers.
Kenny and Susan Oler*



Susan Oler - January 16, 2022 at 02:30 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marilyn Blanchard.*



January 14, 2022 at 03:29 PM

GB

“ Gerald and Suzy Bormann purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Marilyn Blanchard.



Gerald and Suzy Bormann - January 14, 2022 at 01:10 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marilyn Blanchard.



January 14, 2022 at 08:05 AM

MJ

“ MWR Family Atsugi, Japan purchased the Bountiful Rose Basket for the family of Marilyn Blanchard.



MWR Family Atsugi, Japan - January 14, 2022 at 02:33 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marilyn Blanchard.



January 13, 2022 at 11:05 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Marilyn Blanchard.*



January 13, 2022 at 12:50 PM



“ *Melody, Donald, Dani, & Family purchased the Fa
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Melody, Donald, Dani, & Family - January 13, 2022 at 12:49 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Marilyn Blanchard.*



January 12, 2022 at 05:10 PM

LT

“ To Tim & all of his family, our deepest condolences to you all upon Marilyn’s passing. Dennis & I enjoyed getting to know you both, becoming friends, & living next door as neighbors at Vintage Copperative 🍷 We so enjoyed watching Marilyn walk Boo outside & seeing what a wondering companion he was for her 🍷

What a blessing to have such a wonderful wife & mother 🍷

Linda Thompson

Dennis Kalbach

Linda Thompson - January 12, 2022 at 01:27 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Marilyn Blanchard.



January 12, 2022 at 12:47 PM

KK

“ Marilyn was always so welcoming and excited to see us when we visited. Often we would swing by before or after rugby games and she always pretended we didn't stink (wink). She always made me feel at home, like a mom away from mom. She will be missed.

Kevin Koch - January 12, 2022 at 08:52 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Marilyn Blanchard.



January 11, 2022 at 11:03 PM