



Marilynn Dickinson

May 3, 1937 - September 10, 2021

The funeral service for Marilyn Dickinson, formerly of Bertha, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 18, at the Domian-Anderson Chapel in Bertha, with Pastor Jason Knoll presiding.

Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Saturday, from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

Marilynn Esther (Larusso) Dickinson, a caring and loving mother, grandmother, wife, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully to join the Lord in Heaven on September 10th, 2021, at Bethany Retirement Living, Fargo, ND. She was under the comforting care of Ethos - Hospice of Fargo, ND

Marilynn was born on May 3, 1937 to Benjamin and Josephine (Schifando) Larusso in Rahway, New Jersey. She graduated from Rahway High School in 1955. Marilyn and her late husband of 23 years, Thomas Dickinson, Sr., raised their four children in New Jersey before moving to Minnesota in 1977.

Marilynn graduated from St. Cloud State University in 1989 and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education. Earlier, she attended Central Bible College in Springfield, Missouri where she was a member of the Revival Time Choir that traveled across the country performing and was also broadcast on the radio every week.

As an Early Childhood Educator, she became an ally and an icon to new parents throughout the region. Marilyn turned her passion for family into a career and poured her love into the families of the surrounding communities.

Marilynn was a very talented painter and loved to paint on pretty much any canvas, with watercolor being her favorite. She will be remembered fondly by family and friends for the beautiful hand-painted greeting cards and gifts Marilyn sent on special occasions or “just because”. In her free time, Marilyn loved gardening and planting flowers. She loved playing the piano at home and often at church. She also loved dogs and always had treats handy for any pups that she would come across.

Marilynn enjoyed celebrating her Italian heritage through cooking – her lasagna and stuffed shells were family favorites, but spaghetti and meatballs usually occurred for every Sunday lunch.

She was preceded in death by Thomas Dickinson, Sr. in 2013; brother, Stephen Larusso in 1995, and Duffy Dickinson (her beloved dog) in 2020. She is survived by her four children Thomas Dickinson, Jr. (Vicki), Linda Goerd (Greg), Timothy Dickinson (Dawn), and Stephen Dickinson (Hang); and 8 awesome grandchildren and 4 precious great-grandchildren.

Her children would like to express their heartfelt appreciation for the staff at Bethany Retirement Living for all their care.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Wadena Humane Society, an organization she felt strongly about as they found a forever home for her dog, Duffy.

Cemetery Details

Zion Cemetery

43815 County Road 1
Bertha, MN 56437

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 18. 9:30 AM (CT)

Domian-Anderson Chapel
309 2nd Avenue NW
Bertha, MN 56437
(218) 924-4000

Service

SEP 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DP

“ *My condolences. I will always remember Marilyn and what a kind person she was to me. I recall all the good/funny stories and her sense of humor! "The peppers are in the basement".... only in Italian of course! I am sure you kids have lots of wonderful stories to cherish... Duane Piere*

Duane Piere - September 28, 2021 at 05:10 PM



“ *It was a great joy to know Marilyn; she is already missed by so many. Thinking of each one of you, and keeping you all in my prayers. I think of her every time I see my succulents on my patio, thank you for the gift!*

Maggie Mattson - September 21, 2021 at 08:34 PM

KA

“ *I was in her son, Tim's wedding. She made lasagna for the groom's dinner! I have never tasted anything better! My condolences to Tim and the rest of the family.*

Kim Andrie-Quincer - September 20, 2021 at 01:20 PM

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“ *Cathy Roberts lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Dickinson*



Cathy Roberts - September 17, 2021 at 11:02 PM

DD

“ When Marilyn first came into your Uncle Walt’s life he was not happy! Tom was his brother and best friend at the time but Marilyn came into the picture and Walt was no longer Tom’s pal. Tom wanted to spend all his time with Marilyn but how can you not love Marilyn? I became Marilyn’s sister-in-law in 1966 when I married Walt. Marilyn was the sweetest, kindest person and Walt and I loved her dearly. Peace be with you Marilyn, All Our Love, Uncle Walt and Aunt Dona

Dona Dickinson - September 17, 2021 at 01:25 PM

PI

“ I worked with dear Marilyn at ECFE in Bertha-Hewitt and also at Child Care Resource and Referral. She was such a kind and caring soul. I am sorry that I won’t be able to come to the funeral as I’ll be out of town, but I want to send my condolences to her family.
Patti Isaacson

Patti Isaacson - September 15, 2021 at 01:56 PM

LS

“ Lois Stelflug lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Dickinson



Lois Stelflug - September 15, 2021 at 10:22 AM

DO

“ *Doug & Joan Ostlund lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Dickinson*



Doug & Joan Ostlund - September 14, 2021 at 07:25 PM

JP

“ *Remembering Marilyn as a lovely, kind, passionate lady who loved working in Early Childhood for many years. I had the privilege of working with her for several years. My sincere sympathies to her family as they share wonderful memories of their mother. God Bless you all.*



judy pokorney - September 14, 2021 at 12:04 PM



“ *I remember as a young girl the loving sweet aunt she was . Always kind caring and taking care of others. So many fond childhood memories . She was always an angel in my eyes .*

Julie Biondi - September 13, 2021 at 06:21 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Marilyn Dickinson.*



September 13, 2021 at 02:48 PM