

Marilyn Hannum

1941 - 2023



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May 22, 1941 - May 29, 2023

Marilyn joined her beloved husband John in a peaceful way. Her passing was one year to the day of John's; a fitting end to their tour of love and life here on earth. Marilyn is survived by her three children, seven grandkids, and seven great-grandkids. Her presence will be deeply missed by her two brothers as well.

Marilyn's life started in Waukegan, Illinois. The family moved to Boise, Idaho where she was active in church music, musicals, and summer camp operations with her parents Don and Jean Calkin and brothers John and Richard. She met and fell in love with a farm boy from Tulelake, CA. while a student at Boise State Junior College. The marriage ended in 1973, and Marilyn returned to Boise to complete her teaching credential work at BSU. This led her to Tiller, Oregon for a teaching position at a small logging-town school of 50 students. It was then that John and Marilyn reconnected and began a long-distance romance. They married in June of 1976.

The blended family moved to John's home in Santa Rosa. There she started work for the Bennett Valley School District and continued until retiring in 1997. In retirement, Marilyn continued to play her Yamaha Grand piano, and she became active with the Alpine/Mt. Tamalpais outdoor club and this evolved into many cross-country adventures with her beloved John in their camper festooned with canoes, kayaks, and an electric piano! The trips were photographed by her and chronicled by John, which resulted in hours of festive family film nights. During this period, the grand kids were included and many fond memories were created.

As Parkinson's Disease took hold, Marilyn stayed busy with miniature house construction. Her grand dollhouse is beautiful and interesting. She also created numerous quilts and blankets, all gifted to her grandchildren. This work was undertaken as therapy for her fine motor skills. She was determined to walk through Parkinson's with her "head up and back straight". This she did successfully until the end.

We take comfort knowing Marilyn and John are reunited in paradise.

Marilyn's life will be celebrated at Daniels Chapel of the Roses August 6 at 11:00 a.m.

