



Marcia L. Matthies

April 28, 1950 - November 13, 2019

Marcia Lynn Matthies was born to Leslie “Bud” Dale Matthies and Shirley Elaine (Stetina) Matthies on April 28, 1950 at Lynch Clinic in Fairbury, Nebraska, and passed away on November 13, 2019, at Bryan West Hospital in Lincoln, Nebraska at the age of 69 years, 6 months, and 16 days. She was one of 6 children born in the family.

Marcia was baptized and confirmed at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Ohiowa, Nebraska. She graduated from Ohiowa High School in May of 1968. After high school, Marcia attended Lincoln School of Commerce and graduated in 1969 with a degree as an Executive Secretary.

After college, Marcia moved to Park Ridge, Illinois and worked for her Aunt Arlene and Uncle Bill Harris in their medical supply business. In 1971, Marcia moved back to Lincoln, Nebraska where she began her life-long career in health care. From 1971 to 2010 she worked for various places including Nebraska Health Care Association, Hospice Care Of Nebraska, and Haven Manor in Lincoln, Nebraska. In April of 2010, Marcia started a new business called ‘At Your Side,’ working with trust officers and attorneys in meeting the health care needs of senior citizens. Marcia also worked as the Outreach Coordinator of the Nebraska State Stroke Association. She was currently serving as a member or on the boards of South Nebraska Respite Network, Coalition for Older Adult Health Promotion, Lincoln End Of Life Coalition, Kaplan University, LPN Advisory Board, Senior Companion/Foster Grandparent Advisory Board, Facilitator of Comeback Club Support Group at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, Lincoln Stroke Advisory Board, and the Nebraska Stroke Advisory Council.

Marcia was also an avid crafter. If you needed something, she could make it, or she knew where she could get it. She was a big fan of stock car racing, including following the Ed & Diane Tuttle family. If there was a race on the weekend, she was there. Before her health began to decline, she loved to come home to the farm. Coming home always included a stop at the Ohiowa Café, where she would meet up with Barbie, Sue, Nancy and others.

Marcia's nieces and nephews were her biggest joy in her life. She was always there for them if they needed anything. The last few years she was involved with the Scottish Highland Cattle Association, donating silent auction items and even being the announcer at the Husker Highland Show in York, Nebraska.

One thing is certain, if you ever met Marcia, you were not about to forget her. She will certainly be missed by all of the people that she was associated with through family, friendship, and work.

Marcia was preceded in death by her parents Leslie "Bud" & Shirley Matthies; brothers Michael Leslie and Kent Alan Matthies; and sister Deanna Kay Turner.

She is survived by brother Rod Matthies and wife, Terri and Jack Matthies and wife Deb all of Ohioa, Nebraska; brother-in-law Richard Turner of Lincoln, Nebraska; nephews Christopher Reetz and wife Emily, Atlee Reetz and wife Chrissy, Brooks Reetz and fiancé Erienne Wissink, Spencer Reetz, Jeromy Matthies and wife Jenna, Jason Matthies; nieces Jennifer Rinehart & husband Jeremy and Leslie Turner.

A Memorial Service for Marcia was held on Friday, November 22, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ohioa, Nebraska. PMA Jim Germer & Kim Dunker officiated the service. Nancy Craddock accompanied the congregation in the singing of "Amazing Grace." The recorded selection "You Raise Me Up" was also played during the service.

Honorary pallbearers for the service included Spencer Reetz, Christopher Reetz, Atlee Reetz, Brooks Reetz, Jeromy Matthies, and Jason Matthies. Inurnment was held in the Ohioa Public Cemetery following the Memorial Service.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com.

Memorials are suggested to the Nebraska State Stroke Association, 6900 L Street, Lincoln, NE 68510.

Cemetery

Ohiowa Public Cemetery

Ohiowa

NE, NE, 68416

Events

NOV **Memorial Service** **10:30AM**

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St John's Lutheran Church

510 S Summit St, Ohiowa, NE, US, 68416

Comments



“ My dear Marcia, I will forever miss you. You were the glue that kept our group together for our monthly suppers. We would pick the place for our next gathering and Marcia would always send the email reminder. If our gathering was canceled Marcia would arrange the next one making sure it was on our calendars.

There are so many precious moments which we shared. When I was in school and needed ideas for a paper, Marcia was there to give me ideas. When I was working as an administrator, she was there to mentor me through the process. She introduced me to many people and opened many doors for me. I will be forever grateful for all the lessons you taught me.

Your giggle will always be heard in my head and heart.

Theresa Parker - November 22, 2019 at 06:16 PM



“ 18 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - November 22, 2019 at 03:51 PM



“ I worked with Marcia during her years with the State Health Department and came to appreciate her warmth, caring, and lively sense of humor. She mentored me in many areas and was always eager to share her knowledge with others. We miss you, Marcia, and hope to live with you again in His kingdom.



David Montgomery - November 22, 2019 at 09:46 AM



“ It is heartwarming to see all of the lives that were touched by Marcia. I too, was one of the lucky individuals who got to work with Marcia for many years at Hospice Care of Nebraska. Being a young girl at the time, Marcia took me under her wing and showed me the ropes. I gained a vast knowledge of healthcare from her in a very short time, and for that I will always be grateful. She was always there to lend a helping hand whenever I needed help, and quick to deliver a warm casserole if she thought I needed it. She will be dearly missed by so many.



Nancy Hulewicz - November 21, 2019 at 03:27 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marcia L. Matthies.



November 21, 2019 at 11:14 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Marcia L. Matthies.



November 20, 2019 at 10:39 PM



“ With love and gratitude, the Madonna Rehab family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Marcia L. Matthies.



With love and gratitude, the Madonna Rehab family - November 20, 2019 at 04:32 PM



“ Marcia had a heart for God and He gifted her with a caring spirit, acute intelligence and wondrous courage. So many people took strength from her love and advice. She advocated for my elderly parents when they had suffered abuse at the hands of a nursing home. She was a selfless Christian woman who has now gone to her reward in Heaven. She will be sorely missed.

Deborah Svoboda - November 20, 2019 at 02:31 PM



“ I am inspired by the broad expanse of people whose lives were deeply impacted by Marcia. She was a vital supporter of Saint Elizabeth Parish Nurse Program through her immense knowledge of community resources. I have been blessed by her palpable joy & enthusiasm. Maureen Bausch

Maureen Bausch - November 20, 2019 at 07:48 AM



“ Marcia was a great and loving lady. She will be missed by all of us who knew and worked with her over the years. Her contributions to older adults and health care in our area are too numerous to mention. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends.

Peggy Apthorpe

Peggy Apthorpe - November 18, 2019 at 06:19 PM



“ I had a stroke on June 11, 2011. It was completely unexpected by everyone and I was in the hospital at the time. The stroke paralyzed my left side and I was left handed! I had been working in the nursing home/rehab field for 20 years and knew Marcia very well. We were good friends. During the dark days following the stroke, Marcia visited me every day. She brought her smile and most importantly HOPE. I will always remember the positive affect she had on me during the most challenging days of my life. Thank you, Marcia! Rest in Peace. Keith Fickenscher

Keith Fickenscher - November 18, 2019 at 05:12 PM



“ Will miss you Marcia. I know her from Haven Manor. What a gift she was to all. So caring and always great honest advice. She was not only my boss but she made me feel an equal. She lived people and we all lived her. RIP my friend.

Mary K - November 18, 2019 at 03:56 PM



“ Tribute to Marcia
From Charlis Marshall

Since 1989, she's been a part of my life
Directing from up close and afar
Opening doors and suggesting options
Often making me feel like a star
One of those wonderful people
Who never met a stranger or said No
To anyone who needed her strength or guidance
She was a wonderful one-woman show
Now they tell me she's gone off to heaven
St. Peter will meet her at the door
But something tells me that by evening
She'll be the one, welcoming more



Charliss Marshall - November 18, 2019 at 03:44 PM



“ I am so sorry to read of Marcia's passing. We got to know her thru her time at Havelock Manor when we did a lot of volunteering with the youth groups we used to run for Modern Woodmen of America. She was an amazing, caring, strong women.

Jean Harrison - November 18, 2019 at 03:40 PM



“ Marcia was a wonderful colleague of mine for many years in serving those with Brain Injuries. We conferred and shared our expertise and knowledge of resources with one another quite frequently. Marcia also became a great friend. I will not only miss her expertise when I have a difficult client issue, but I will miss her humor, compassion for our mutual population, and ingenious ways that she was able to get around obstacles for serving our community. She was a very strong and compassionate individual who was always willing to give her time which she had so little of to give.

Be our guardian angel Marcia. Help guide us when we struggle with complex issues for those we serve or for ourselves. I am grateful to still have you at my side!

Much thanks and love to you and your family,

Gina Simanek

Brain Injury Alliance of Nebraska

Gina Simanek - November 18, 2019 at 03:23 PM



“ The staff here at J. Brasch Co. send our most sincere condolences to the family of our dear Marcia. She sat at a desk in the front of our lobby and welcomed each person from Senators to the UPS delivery person with the same warm words of welcome. Her smile was infectious and her laugh made all of us giggle-- even if we weren't sure why she was laughing. She will be so greatly missed in so many ways!

The Staff at J.Brasch Co.

Charllis Marshall - November 18, 2019 at 03:17 PM



“ One of the original "Ladies" at the office (inside joke)... Momma Marcia will be missed so much, we just adored her to no end.

Laura Hunt - November 18, 2019 at 04:21 PM



“ From the Nebraska Stroke Association purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Marcia L. Matthies.



From the Nebraska Stroke Association - November 18, 2019 at 02:09 PM



“ I have known Marcia since we worked together at Haven Manor back in the early 90's. We have been through a lot together and talked to each other via phone and text messages weekly. I will miss our conversations and our lunch dates. She has a heart of gold and definitely made a great impact on the community here in Lincoln, NE. She was a great advocate for the elders and she has touched more lives than any of us could count. Your gentle ways and caring and compassion will remain with all the people you have touched. I will remember you whenever I see the color red as I know that was your favorite color and whenever I see the word "Believe" as I know that was your favorite word. Fly High and until we meet again. With all you have done you have gained your wings for sure. Love you sweet lady.

Deb Maguire



Deb - November 18, 2019 at 12:46 PM



“ Her presence will be greatly missed at the Demuth Highland Show. Treasure the memories you have of her and hold them near. Know that there are many friends who are lifting your family up in prayer. Steven and Kim Crook



Kimberly Crook - November 18, 2019 at 12:39 PM



“ I got to know Marcia when she was at the Nebraska State Stroke Association. I help with they event called Okto Beerfest to raise money for the the Nebraska State Stroke Association. Marcia will be missed but not forgotten. My condolence to her family sorry for your loss. Darlene Berks



Darlene Berks - November 18, 2019 at 09:47 AM



“ Kathy Erickson lit a candle in memory of Marcia L. Matthies



Kathy Erickson - November 17, 2019 at 09:48 PM



“ Marcia, was "Aunt" Marcia to my 3 sons and God Mother for my oldest. She was with us for graduations, weddings, house warming, and even a few just because visits. Always going above and beyond for everyone. The world was a better place with her in it and now heaven has one of the best. This family loved you like family!

Sue Hamilton - November 17, 2019 at 09:03 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Marcia's passing. I knew Marcia through the Nebraska Stroke Association, but she was always so much more than a member. Marcia's commitment to people and causes was unparalleled. She was a truly good person and this world will feel her absence.

Toni Morehouse - November 17, 2019 at 06:12 PM



“ Bless Marcia and she has done for people in her life who have health issues, especially strokes. Met her first in 2006 with the Come Back Club, stroke support group after mine. She continue health care profession and NE Stroke Association, and support the stroke support group at Madonna. She never sought much recognition for her work and sorry she has slipped away w/o us knowing. May the Good Lord reward and may she RIP.

Lawrence D. Obrist - November 16, 2019 at 09:23 PM



“ Marcia was very special to our family, she was always there to help. She will never be forgotten and she will always hold a special part of our heart. She was there helping us out when my mom passed away. She has touched so many lives, heaven was sent a true angel. My deepest condolences to her family. Gregg Skala and family

Gregory Skala - November 16, 2019 at 05:12 PM



“ Oh, my, the many memories of when Marcia and I worked together at the Nebraska Health Association in Lincoln in the '80's and early '90's! We worked for many years to meet deadlines for contracts, education budgets, newsletters, and legislative events, to name a few. We shared long days as we worked to make the many conventions of the Association a positive experience for all our member long term care facilities' administrators, directors of nursing and other staff. Marcia knew all the long term care administrators in the state, as in a prior position for the state of NE, she helped them through the licensing process and renewal of their educational credits. This knowledge was invaluable when she started with the Association. Marcia was a hard worker, dependable, enjoyed hearing and telling funny jokes, was a friend to many, and was always ready to lend a helping hand. My sympathy to her family and their loss of someone I consider a long time friend.

Delight Wreed Byrd - November 16, 2019 at 04:20 PM



“ Rhonda Schlick lit a candle in memory of Marcia L. Matthies



Rhonda Schlick - November 16, 2019 at 10:24 AM



“ I 1st met Marcia when she worked for NHCA, & then she came to work with me at Hospice Care of Nebraska. Her passion for end of life care & for elders was stunning! She will be missed ~ Rest In Peace dear lady.
Marcia Cederdahl



marcia cederdahl - November 16, 2019 at 09:47 AM



“ Jack, Rod and family, my deepest condolences. Marcia was a compassionate and giving woman who touched our family many times with her love and generosity. I am so very sorry.

Michaela (Phillips) Getz

Michaela Getz - November 15, 2019 at 10:10 PM



“ Brenda Kronhofman sent a virtual gift in memory of Marcia L. Matthies



Brenda Kronhofman - November 15, 2019 at 12:55 PM



“ Kelly Jarchow-Maronde lit a candle in memory of Marcia L. Matthies



Kelly Jarchow-Maronde - November 15, 2019 at 10:04 AM



“ Marcia, What a lady! She has been a family friend, babysitter, kind, compassionate person that anyone would be honored to know. Marcia and Nancy are part of the "Jarchow" family and helped mom and dad on the farm for many many years. Marcia always had her hands full with Brad and Kelly and tried many times to wash off Kelly's birthmark on her arm thinking it was always dirt!!!

Marcia was always there when you called just to listen, give advise or be on her way to fix the problem. Marcia will truly be missed by all and now one of our "Guardian Angels" to watch over all of us.

Kelly Jarchow-Maronde

Kelly Jarchow-Maronde - November 15, 2019 at 10:03 AM



“ Marcia was such a caring, giving person who helped so many people. She and I shared many good times conversing, listening to our joys and some bad experiences as well. I will truly miss her as will many. I send my heartfelt sympathy to the family.
Warm regards, Suzy Campbell

Susan Campbell - November 15, 2019 at 09:56 AM



“ Janine Uldrich lit a candle in memory of Marcia L. Matthies



Janine Uldrich - November 15, 2019 at 04:59 AM



“ LaDonna Pendleton lit a candle in memory of Marcia L. Matthies



LaDonna Pendleton - November 14, 2019 at 11:21 PM



“ We met Marcia when she led the Come Back Club many years ago. She was such a great lady-so dedicated in all that she did. She will be missed by many. Our heartfelt sympathy to the family. Heaven received an angel named Marcia on November 13. Dick and Dorothy Pearce

Dick and Dorothy Pearce - November 19, 2019 at 12:08 AM



“ What a loss, but Heaven sure gained an angel. I remember Marcia when she was at NHCA, she was so kind, helpful, and knowledgeable. I felt comfortable calling her if I had a question about the nursing home business, I can't remember one time when she didn't know the answer. She was a fun person to be around too. I'm so sorry for your loss, and it is obvious the many people she touched in her health care career, and her new career is starting over in Heaven. God's Blessings! Lee A. Jenkins.

Lee A. Jenkins - November 19, 2019 at 10:59 AM