



Marlene Claire Boven

August 14, 1949 - February 13, 2024

Marlene Claire Boven passed from this life into the arms of her Savior, Jesus Christ, on February 13, 2024. She was 74.

Marlene was born August 14, 1949, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the fifth and youngest child of Clarence and Martha DeVries.

Marlene married Doug Boven on December 5, 1969, and they were married for 51 years. They farmed for over 40 years, first for Doug's father, then bought Maple Grove Farm in Falmouth from Doug's great-grandfather where they lived and raised their family until retiring to Cadillac in 2011.

After staying home with her children when they were young, Marlene worked as the school librarian for 20 years at Northern Michigan Christian School in McBain. She was an avid reader and loved reading to her own children as well as to the students at school. One of Marlene's greatest joys was reading to her grandchildren while they sat on her lap.

Marlene was creative and artistic and always noticed the beauty in details, especially in nature, and never passed up a good rock to bring home. She was an exceptional gardener and coaxed Doug into helping her expand her flower gardens every summer which started from transplants from her own father's garden. These same flowers have now made their way to North Carolina and Alaska in her children's gardens.

Marlene's greatest source of strength and comfort came from God, and she was an active member of Cadillac Christian Reformed Church. She served as church librarian and deacon and also helped create the church's community

garden.

Marlene was preceded in death by her husband Doug; her parents Clarence and Martha DeVries; brothers Robert and Carl De Vries, parents-in-law, Tony and Gertrude Boven; and brother-in-law, Richard Kornoelje

She is survived by her children and grandchildren Tonya and Craig McLeod (Logan, Layne, Ian, and Piper), Lisa and Adam Bultman (Nathan, Owen, and Penelope), Eric Boven and Nicole Jacobs-Boven (Isabel), and Beth and Adam Commissaris (Zachariah and Zoe); her sisters Eva Kornoelja, Linda (Paul) Stadt; her siblings-in-law Bruce (Mary) Boven, Chris (Mary) Boven, Linda (Scott) Peterson, Phyllis (Carl) DeVries, Janice (Robert) DeVries; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00, Monday, February 19 at Cadillac CRC. Visitation will be held at Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services, Sunday, February 18 from 3:00 -5:00, and one hour before the service at the church.

The family wishes to express sincere thanks to the caregivers of Curry House, Quiet Creek AFC in Falmouth, and Hospice of Michigan for the love and care shown to Marlene in her final months.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cadillac CRC Missions Fund. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **18**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Peterson Funeral Home
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Cadillac, MI 49601
(231) 775-3411
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<http://www.petersonfh.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Marlene Claire Boven.*



February 16, 2024 at 03:04 PM



“ *Dear Family of Marlene,
We extend our deepest sympathy at the death of Marlene. She was a wonderful person who touched our lives and the lives of our daughters in her kindness and Christian virtue, both in her work at NMCS and on a personal level. She was an example of thoughtfulness and caring; on several occasions when she knew that something important was going on in our family or lives, she would send a card. I (Ken) am particularly grateful for a couple of times when I was presiding over a difficult, high-profile case Marlene sent cards of encouragement. She was a true example of Christian support and although we know you are feeling a grievous loss, we share the Christian confidence that we will meet with Marlene at the resurrection in the New Heaven and New Earth, where all things will be made right.
Ken and Cathy Tacoma*

Kenneth Tacoma - February 16, 2024 at 11:09 AM



Thanks for sharing that story! I never knew she did that, but it makes sense, she really was our number one encourager. I do find peace knowing I'll see her and dad again someday.

Beth - February 16, 2024 at 10:22 PM

ER

“ Dear Family of Marlene,
I first met Marlene in McBain while I was working at the grocery store and she was at Schepers Insurance. She was such a sweet customer and always had a smile. Later, I helped her with the library at NMC and her love for children and books was very evident. Marlene was a beautiful woman and she will be missed. I'm sorry for your loss and rejoice with Marlene as she makes her way around heaven, greeting all those who have gone on before.
Love and prayer for peace,
Ev Rexford (and Bob)

Evelyn K Rexford - February 15, 2024 at 04:45 PM

CG

Dear Family of Marlene. We knew Marlene from Cadillac CRC. She was an excellent librarian. In addition she was a wonderful person who always made an attempt to greet Tom in his special chair at church. She was a living example of the love of Jesus. Much sympathy to all of you. Tom and Char Glass

Char Glass - February 16, 2024 at 11:33 AM

BE

Thanks for sharing these memories Ev and Char. It is so wonderful to hear how she touched so many lives. ❤️

Beth - February 16, 2024 at 10:24 PM

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Dear Family of Marlene: I am writing on behalf of her neighbors at Wildwood Condos. She was a caring, giving member of this community. She faced her cancer diagnosis, treatments, and health concerns with faith and grace. We want you to know that a gift has been sent to the Cadillac CRC Missions Fund on her behalf and in her memory.

From her Wildwood Condo Neighbors
Wildwood Condos Association Secretary

Sharon G. Tate - February 20, 2024 at 03:00 PM