



Marcia L. Nelson

April 26, 1933 - March 11, 2020

Marcia Lois (Siggerud) Nelson, 86-year-old resident of Little Falls, Minnesota, passed away Wednesday, March 11, 2020 in Chanhassen, Minnesota. Marcia was born to Clarence and Olga (Jean) (Kittelson) Siggerud, on April 26, 1933, in Valley City, North Dakota. After graduating from Mahanomen High School, she attended Concordia College in Moorhead, and the Fairview Hospital School of Nursing, in Minneapolis. She then worked as a surgical nurse at Fairview Hospital. She formed many lasting friendships with her nursing classmates and enjoyed their reunions.

Marcia met the love of her life, Norman Nelson, while working in Minneapolis. They were married on September 15, 1957 in Mahanomen. After a trip to the North Shore, they moved to Little Falls where Norm worked for the Minnesota State Patrol and Marcia worked as an RN at St. Gabriel's Hospital, St. Otto's Care Center, and the Family Medical Center. They built a home near the Mississippi, where they raised their children, Lori Beth and Paul, and doted on their grandchildren, Mara and Sophie. Marcia was a dedicated wife, mother, and nana. Church activities, gardening, concerts, movies, card games, walking their dogs, traveling, reading, and discussing their day on the porch in the evening enriched Marcia and Norm's fifty-eight years together. They also embraced their Scandinavian heritage and enjoyed several trips to Norway.

Marcia was an active member of First Lutheran Church, where she played the organ, accompanied or sang in the choir, quilted, provided hospitality, taught Bible school, and participated in Bible studies, book clubs, and the Martha Circle. Marcia enjoyed baking and was famous for her breads, lefsa, and ginger cookies. She was a voracious reader who often had a dog by her side, a member of PEO, and active in several benevolent community activities.

Marcia will be affectionately remembered for her caring, faithful, and resilient spirit. Being surrounded by her love and warmth was akin to being wrapped in a beautiful quilt she had crafted, and she will be dearly missed. She is survived by her loving family, including daughter, Lori Beth (Kent) Warnberg of Chanhassen, MN; granddaughters, Mara (Carl)

Sorenson, of Hastings, MN; and Sophie Warnberg, of Chanhassen MN; brother, Chuck Siggerud, of Bloomington, MN; sisters-in-law, Marilyn Marshall, of Edina, MN; and Shirley Nelson, of Stillwater, MN; and eleven nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her devoted parents, Clarence and Jean, her adoring husband, Norm, and her loving son, Paul.

A private family Celebration of Life will be held in honor of Marcia on August 18, 2020, with Reverend Dr. Henry French officiating. The service will be held near Marcia's home, at the Pierson Pavilion, which adjoins the lower parking lot of the Grace Covenant Church, in Little Falls, Minnesota. If there is inclement weather, the service will be held at the Shelley Funeral Chapels in Little Falls. A brief committal service at the Oakland Cemetery in Little Falls, will follow.

Marcia's family would prefer to celebrate her life in her church and include friends. It would be meaningful to gather with them and hear their memories. However, the current public health situation has prompted us to proceed in a way that provides for the safety of all. A video of the service will be posted on the Home page of the First Lutheran Church website in Little Falls from August 19th through August 26th, 2020, for those who might be interested in participating virtually. <https://www.flclittlefalls.org/> In addition, a photo tribute will be available on the Shelley Funeral Chapels website beginning August 18th.

In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer memorials to some of the non-profit organizations Marcia supported: the First Lutheran Church in Little Falls, ELCA Good Gifts - Health Clinics, Oasis Central Minnesota, Little Falls Great River Regional Library, and the Heartland Symphony Orchestra, or to the donor's choice.

Cemetery

Oakland Cemetery

14820 138TH ST

Little Falls, MN, 56345

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Shelley Funeral Chapel - August 16, 2020 at 03:05 PM



“ I absolutely loved watching this wonderful video of Marcia's life. She was a very special person who will never be forgotten. She had a real love for family, friends, Norm and her Lord. Marcis will be missed so much. Teresa and Elliot

Teresa & Elliot Larson - August 24, 2020 at 01:47 AM



“ Marcia

Teresa & Elliot Larson - August 24, 2020 at 01:48 AM



“ Lori Kent and family, I have just finished listening to the service for your dear mother and Grandma. She would just be beaming at all the wonderful things that were said in her service. I learned new things, had lots of tears but always knew you were a wonderful family. I also have many fond memories of Paul. He took me in the canoe down by the river to get some ferns for my flower garden. We had to make many trips and it was so fun. Also my youngest daughter never wanted to take a nap so I had Paul come over and put her to sleep and she always went to sleep good for him. I don't know how we could have gotten so lucky to get wonderful neighbors like Marcia, Norm and Sandy, their puppy at the time. They will be missed and never forgotten.

Teresa and Elliot

Teresa & Elliot Larson - August 24, 2020 at 03:06 AM



“ 51 files added to the album LifeTributes



Shelley Funeral Chapel - August 16, 2020 at 03:03 PM



“ Beautiful tribute to a lovely and sweet neighbor & friend. My life is blessed to have known such a kind and caring saint.

Vicki Rae Adermann (Oelrich) - August 22, 2020 at 04:55 PM



“ Lori and family our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Marcia was a big part of our life from neighbors church and work. Her caring ways and gentle help will be missed. How she loved going on walks with her dog. Cherish your memories.

Karen Haaland - April 09, 2020 at 01:04 PM



“ Lori, my deepest sympathies to you and your family on the loss of your Mother. Let the memories of the times you shared give you comfort now and always.

Jeff Hoppe

Jeff Hoppe - March 24, 2020 at 08:52 PM



“ Thank you for your condolences, Jeff.

Lori Beth Warnberg - March 26, 2020 at 07:02 AM



“ Kent...so sorry for the loss of your mother-in-law. God bless you all.



Debbie Jelinski-Harakel - March 19, 2020 at 05:05 PM



“ I extend my sincere condolences to Marcia's family. She had such a bubbly personality and always smiling and gracious. I remember many trips to Little Falls as a youngster with mom & dad and Lottie & Nora. My mom many times talked about staying with Clarence & Jean & Marcia & Charles and going in the Standard Oil truck with Clarence. My fondest memory of Marcia was her helping Lottie, Nora and Clara cross stitch a quilt at Siggeruds farm. Clara swallowed a piece of candy, started coughing. Marcia calmly lead her to the kitchen sink and all ended well. I ran scared and hid in the bedroom off the living room - I was about 5!
I know how proud she was of you, Lori Beth, and also of Mara and Sophie. Hold fast to the precious memories. No one nor nothing can ever take those away from you. A donation will be made to the Pelican Rapids Public Library in memory of Marcia in honor of her appreciation of books.

Cindy (Clauson) Baggenstos
16954 460th St.
Pelican Rapids, MN 56572

Cindy Baggenstos - March 18, 2020 at 11:37 AM



“ My sympathy to the family. I remember Marcia as a very faithful volunteer at the Morrison Co Food Shelf for many yrs. A lovely, generous person heeding the call of our Savior to help "the least of these".

Gloria Thomes - March 23, 2020 at 12:29 AM



“ We appreciate your expression of sympathy. Supporting the food shelf was important to her.

Lori Beth Warnberg - March 26, 2020 at 07:01 AM



“ Cindy,
Thank you for sharing this memory. Your donation to the library in Pelican Rapids would have meant so much to her. She loved to read and always enjoyed a trip to the library!

Lori Beth Warnberg - March 26, 2020 at 07:07 AM



“ Marcia was my very dear friend all these years. Our times together as student nurses all the way to her being one of my attendants in my wedding was an indication of how very special she was as my friend. Her quiet and loving spirit was exceeded only by her wonderful sense of humor when tested in this area. Our special reunions of our Fairview Hospital Nursing class every five years kept our friendship alive. She will always have a special place in my heart. I will miss her very much! Phyllis (Knutson) Severson
Mesa, Az.

Phyllis Severson - March 18, 2020 at 01:30 AM



“ My mother greatly appreciated your friendship and all the wonderful relationships the members of your nursing school class maintained over time. Thank you for your note.

Lori Beth Warnberg - March 26, 2020 at 07:02 AM



“ Lori, Kent, Mara, and Sophie,
Sending prayers and comforting hugs over the passing of your precious Mom/Grandmother. Our lives will be forever changed with out our dear neighbor and friend Marcia.
We were blessed to be neighbors to Norm and Marcia for 30 years. They were always helpful, kind, and just good fun people. When we built our garage Norm didn't hesitate to come right over and help Ron to put up the rafters. I learned so much about flower gardening from Marcia, but she always said I was the one with the green thumb.
We shared fun discussions and visits on the back screened patio while enjoying a beer or ice cream bar. Their Dog Sadie loved Kelsey and would jump right up in her arms when she would come into our yard. Kelsey always insisted on carrying her back over to the house to return her safely.
When Norm passed we were happy when Marcia told us she would stay in the house.
Moving forward we will have new neighbors one day but will always be thankful for the memories and friendship we had with Norm and Marcia.
Sharing your sadness . Love and hugs to all of you.
Ron, Carole, and Kelsey Walkoviak.

Carole Walkoviak - March 16, 2020 at 08:48 PM



“ Carole, Ron, and Kelsey,
Thank you for the kind note and for being such great neighbors!

Lori Beth Warnberg - March 26, 2020 at 07:10 AM



“ Claudette Moran lit a candle in memory of Marcia L. Nelson



Claudette Moran - March 15, 2020 at 02:15 AM



“ I so loved both Marcia and Norm. They were always bright spots at early service at 1st Lutheran. What an elegant, yet down to earth, woman she was. Thinking of you and sharing your grief.
Ruth Jeremiason-Jensen and family

Ruth Jeremiason-Jensen - March 13, 2020 at 08:52 PM



“ We appreciate your condolences. My parents were faithful people who loved 1st Lutheran!
Lori Beth Warnberg - March 26, 2020 at 07:13 AM



“ Lori, Kent and Family.. Prayers to you at this difficult time, she was an awesome lady.



Denise Hegna - March 13, 2020 at 01:13 PM



“ Thank you for extending your sympathy, Denise.
Lori Beth Warnberg - March 26, 2020 at 07:14 AM



“ Ken And Kathy Garrison Kloss sent a virtual gift in memory of Marcia L. Nelson



Ken and Kathy Garrison Kloss - March 12, 2020 at 10:57 PM



“ My prayers to the family. Marcia showed up in my life at the most needed time. I will miss her smile and gentle way.

Ken and Kathy Garrison Kloss - March 12, 2020 at 11:00 PM



“ We have just found out about Marcia's death. We loved our old neighbors so much. Lori Kent and kids we are so sorry to hear this sad sad news. we are in Florida and cannot make it to the funeral but please let us know your address Lori.. Teresa and Elliot Larson

Teresa and Elliot Larson - March 13, 2020 at 09:36 PM



“ Lori, Kent, Mara and Sophie - your Mom and Grandma will always be remembered as a kind friend and former neighbor.

We will miss our breakfast meetings at Perkins with your Mom/Grandma. Our Prayers and Hugs to your family.

Carol and Felix Peine

Carol Peine - March 17, 2020 at 09:30 AM



“ We appreciate your condolences, Teresa and Elliot. My parents loved being your neighbors, appreciated your friendship, and enjoyed their trips to your home up north.

Lori Beth Warnberg - March 26, 2020 at 07:21 AM



“ My parents enjoyed being your neighbors and mom always appreciated the opportunity to meet you for breakfast Carol and Felix! Thanks for your expression of sympathy.

Lori Beth Warnberg - March 26, 2020 at 07:25 AM



“ Thank you for sharing this kind sentiment, Ken and Kathy.

Lori Beth Warnberg - March 26, 2020 at 07:29 AM