



## Marlene Patsy Olson

October 5, 1945 - December 14, 2013

Funeral service for Marlene Patsy Olson, age 68 , of Trinity, will be Wednesday, December 18, 2013, 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with Senior Pastor Eddie Scheler officiating and Shelton Funeral Home directing. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, December 18, 2013, from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the church.

Mrs. Olson, who died Saturday, December 14, 2013, at Decatur Morgan Hospital, was born October 5, 1945, in Valrico, Florida to Grover Cleveland Sewell and Riva Virginia Waters Sewell. She was a devoted homemaker, wife, mother, Nana and friend. She was married to her loving husband Donald for 48 years. She lived a blessed and purposeful life. She was the center of her family, her wisdom, strength and grace bound them together. A most gracious lady that will be forever missed.

She is survived by her husband, Donald Olson of Trinity; son, Donald Jeff Olson (Terra) of Fishers, Indiana; daughter, Cynthia Dawn Todd (Robert) of Trinity; two brothers, Grover Sewell, Jr. and Ronald Sewell of Valrico, Florida; her twin sister, Lorene Der of Valrico, Florida; Grandchildren, Donald Justin Lawrence and Jordan Ryan Lawrence both of Trinity, Benjamin Richard Olson and Lillian Claire Olson both of Fishers, Indiana and Chance Bryan of Leeds, AL.

In lieu of flowers the family request memorials be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1700 Carridale Street, SW, Decatur, AL 35601

# Tribute Wall

PG

“ I have missed our almost daily phone calls. our laughter, all the love, we have shared all my laugh. There will never be another you but I know Cindy carries so much of you inside and so does Terra that they will keep shining your light for all the world to see to lead the loved ones home for they knew how much it meant to you. I love you my precious Aunt Marlene and when Butch got very sick you would have been so proud of Uncle Don ,he was right there for me, helping me. You are the Blessed givers in this world. I am thankful you hurt no more. I pray God will heal & mend all the broken hearts , YOU were quite some love. God Bless Uncle Don, Cindy, Jeff, Terra , Robert and all the Grandones <3



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**Patti Goodson** - February 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ Don Juli and I were shocked to hear of the news. You and Marlene always showed the support for each other and love for one another. The compassion you had as a strenght in your leadership was a direct reflection of Marlene in your life. We loved the time we got to know you and Marlene!! Even as we had lost Cameron we seek the same comfort from above for you during this time. Love form your friends Ed & Juli Dalene (781-366-1876) Keep in touch Ed



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**Ed & Juli and Chad** - December 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ Don, Cindy and her family, Jeff and his family, Knowing Marlene was a wonderful part of our lives. We have so many great memories of the Olson's while we were in Alabama. We will treasure the friendship we had with her always. Ed and Judi Cannon



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**Ed and Judi Cannon** - December 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Wishing you all peace and to bring comfort to you all at this time, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories forever of Marlene, My prayers are with you all at this time.



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**Tammy Bonner Drury** - December 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ We remember all those week-end evenings playing cards and having dinner together at Marlene's favorite Red Lobster or Bob Gibsons for BBQ. Then there were the many afternoons sitting in the mall food court with Judi sipping our diet cokes and solving the world problems among other things. I love you Marlene, it has been a decade plus since we have seen each other, but I know that we will meet again. You will be sorely missed.



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**Cheri and Grizzy** - December 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ glad to have known such a sweet lady, Gods comfort prayed for the family ,shes at peace in the arms of our lord .. we will meet at Jesus feet ,soon ... cindy n pat Whitman <3



pat And Cindy Whitman - December 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ There has never been a more wonderful, gracious, loving, caring, dedicated,precious soul, beside Jesus, on this earth besides Our Aunt Marlene..... Oh, how this world and we mourn our loss of you.....here on earth.....Shane reached down and touched my heart and said,as I cried "" She is still in here and she will always be."" I know it to be true. Aunt Marlene could make you feel so special. When I would call, she would say , OH what a treat! Even if I had just talked to her two days before.Uncle Don, Cindy, Jeff, Terra, Robert all you most loved grandchildren of Don & Marlene, the last thing , she wrote to me was - See you in the spring, so that is what, I keep on telling myself- SEE YOU, Aunt Marlene, in the spring. I Love You ❤️ ❤️ ❤️



Patti , Butch and all the Children - December 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Our hearts were broken to hear the news of Aunt Marlene. Such a sweet and caring person, and will truly be missed by many. She joined our GrannyBeth and now they are our special angels watching over us. Sending love and prayers to you all.



Kevin, Tiffany and Ian Cribbs - December 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I will surely miss Marlene. I was good friends with Marlene and Lorene. I will never forget the time in high school, when all of us went to a slumber party on a school night at Denece' s house. We decided we would skip school the next day and go to Lakeland to look for prom gowns. We never thought about it would seem strange because all of us were out of school at the same time. Of course we got caught!!!! Got in lots of trouble. I will miss Marlene' S blogs on Facebook. I was just getting to know her again. I know she loved all her family. I won't say goodbye, but I will say, "" see you later in heaven. "" Love in Christ, Linda



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**Linda Lehman Frederick** - December 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Marlene always made me feel like family when I was around. Such a warm and generous person. She will be missed.



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**Gene Hassett** - December 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

IB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. We are very sorry to hear of the passing of Marlene. With much love and sympathy - The Brennessel Family, Williamson, NY.



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**Ike and Bev Brennessel** - December 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *Marlene, I am going to miss our visits on facebook. You were always such a blessings. I know you are finally home and free from all pain. Love you friend! Sally*



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**Sally Knight Raburn** - December 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Marlene Olson . . You will be missed as much as you were loved.. .and that will be whole heartedly and by many. The world is a lesser place without you. My thoughts are with Don, Cindy, Jeff and the rest of the family. Love you*



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**Julie Cotter** - December 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Our deepest sympathy to you Don, Cindy and Jeff. I don't quite know what to say. This is such a loss! Marlene was one of my dearest friends. When you lived in New York, i was truly blessed to have you all as friends and neighbors. Marlene and I spent many hours just talking over coffee, be it at her house or a local restaurant. She was always a good ear to listen and show warm hearted concern for whatever issue arose. We did many things together, be it putting up corn from her garden, planning a Halloween party, taking a sewing class, going shopping, celebrating birthdays, swapping recipes, whatever...she was there. When she moved out of state, she was sorely missed. I am so grateful for the chance to see her one last time when you opened your home in Alabama to me and Julie last year. It was like coming home, seeing and visiting with her again. She is a treasure and can never be replaced. Hopefully time will help heal the pain of loosing her. You are a close loving family; may your memories of all the good times you had together give you comfort. May Marlene rest in peace and be no longer in pain.



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**Shirley and Lloyd Schulze** - December 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ So sorry for your loss of Aunt Marlene. So many memories from my younger years. She was a wonderful soul, and loved Uncle Don to the moon and back. We know the kids and grand kids will miss her dearly. May she rest in peace as her suffering is over. Wonderful aunt. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family.



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**Rudy and Pam Wetherington** - December 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *The memories I have of Illinois & Alabama are so intertwined with Don, Marlene & Cindy. Such wonderful memories. Our first meeting, when we found out we actually had a family connection was amazing. She will be greatly missed.*



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**Dawn & Jimmy Butts** - December 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VA

“ *Don, Cindy, Jeff Family My thoughts and prayers are with you . I am sorry that we are not going to be able to be with you for the service but we will be thinking about you. I have been thinking about all the trips to Englewood. But the think I must remember is visiting you in New York and us going to the estate sale and loading the station wagon down . We had some good times I am going to miss you but I know that you are in a better place with know pain. Valerie*



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**Valerie Alex** - December 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *I am a lifelong friend of Marlene and Lorene and love them both. My last correspondence with Marlene was on Facebook on December 7th. We were in school together and then years passed without my hearing from her. I would see Lorene and ask about her so I kept up with her over time. Then Marlene and I reconnected on Facebook. What a joy she was and how much she loved her husband and family. She was really a ""Happy Homemaker"" and a great friend. I will miss her.*



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**Joanna Faulkner Drawdy** - December 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ I graduated with Marlene for, turkey creek Haven't seen since high school but praying for your comfort wilton williams



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**wilton and sharon williams** - December 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NJ

“ I was so saddened to hear of the loss of our Marlene! Such a kind-hearted, lovely Southern lady. She was such an addition to our FB community and I was hopeful she would soon be able to visit with her adopted family. My heart goes out to those who are missing her now and you are in my thoughts & prayers. Love & miss her Auntie Enn



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**Nadine (Jolly) Jackson** - December 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM