



Marlene Dieleman

October 6, 1936 - January 18, 2021

Marlene Dieleman, 84, of Johnston, Iowa, and formerly of Oskaloosa, passed away Monday, January 18, 2021, at her winter home in Mesa, Arizona. Marlene Ann Dieleman, daughter of Ben A. & Roselyne Conger Marlenee, was born October 6, 1936, in Silver City, Iowa. She was a 1955 graduate of Perry High School and a 1958 graduate of Broadlawn's School of Nursing. On August 15, 1958, she married Marvin G. Dieleman at the Perry United Methodist Church. She and Marvin made their home in Pella, where she worked as a nurse with Dr. Gene K. Van Zee, M.D., and then as the first Director of Nursing at Pella Community Hospital. In 1959, Marvin's teaching career took them to Ballard for one year, after which they returned to Pella. They moved to Oskaloosa in 1966. Marlene held various other nursing positions before retiring in 1990. She and Marvin enjoyed traveling, and they traveled extensively overseas for ten years, and then across the United States in their R.V. for several years. They spent the winter months in Mesa, Arizona, since 1995. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Oskaloosa, where she also served as a deacon. After Marvin's death in 2008, Marlene moved to the Des Moines area. Marlene continued to spend the winter months in Arizona until her death. Marlene was a devoted wife and mother and showed selfless love to her family and will be deeply missed. Her family includes her daughter, Mary Price of Mesa, Arizona; a son, Mark Dieleman of Urbandale, IA; grandsons: Braydon Smith, and Jake and Luke Dieleman.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Marvin, on May 8, 2008, and a brother, Ben E. Marlenee.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 27, 2021, at Graceland Cemetery north of Pella, Iowa, with Rev. John White of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. This event will be posted to Langkamp Funeral Chapel's YouTube channel on Wednesday afternoon. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., Tuesday at Langkamp Funeral Chapel. According to the rules put in place by the Iowa Department of Public Health, proper social distancing and appropriate personal protective equipment are required for attending these public events. Memorial contributions honoring Marlene's life and service can be made to Bethany Christian Services or the First Presbyterian Church.

Cemetery Details

Graceland Cemetery

2270 Graceland, DR
Pella, IA 50219

Previous Events

Open Visitation

JAN 26. 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
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Graveside Funeral Service

JAN 27. 10:30 AM (CT)

Graceland Cemetery
2270 Graceland, DR
Pella, IA 50219

Tribute Wall



“ *Marlene Dieleman*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *41 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - January 26, 2021 at 05:01 PM

JV

“ I know that Marlene was a great mom for Mary and Mark, but she was also the neighborhood mom that loaded us all up in her Chevy station wagon and ferried Mary, Bruce, Roger and me from school as grade schoolers in the days before we were allowed to ride the bus. She was a concerned parent, but also knew how to laugh when Mary drove her car into the ditch by the radio station—with Karen up front but me safe in the back laughing LOUDLY/obnoxiously. (Marv was a little more stern in his reaction). And who can forget the queso and chips that she always had ready for us on movie night after we made a trip to town to rent videos (in the days when people actually did that). She graciously looked the other way when we used the kitchen drawer handle as a “pop bottle” opener...a trick that Mark invented. I very much regret that I didn’t stop in DMS and say “hi” in the recent years. Just mentioning “Marlene” brings a lot of great memories of a great, caring and kind person. I am sure that for her grandkids she was a great grandma! You will miss her I am sure, but you were blessed to have had such a great and kind person for a grandma.

My sincere sympathies to Mary, Mark, the grandkids and all who knew and loved her.

John Vos and family.

John Vos - January 24, 2021 at 10:32 PM

CS

“ Our hearts are saddened to hear about Marlene's passing. We Loved her like family. We looked forward to every November when we would take OUR mother Norma Bolles to winter in Arizona. Marlene always greeted us when we arrived. Her "Puff Pillows" dessert were delicious and we always looked forward to them when she would have Norma bring some back at Christmas. Rest in Peace dear lady we Loved you!



Calvin and Robyn Splattstoesser - January 24, 2021 at 06:15 PM

MY

“ My fondest memory is all the years in 4-H. So generous with her time, and patience with adolescent girls. I always loved talking with her. Marv and Marlene- always the pair that went together. She made an impact in the lives of so many people. My sincerest condolences.

Mary Vos De Young - January 22, 2021 at 09:44 PM

JC

“ Marlene was one of the kindest women I know. Loved watching and visiting with her in the OWS library. My condolences to you, Mary, and the family. Loved her and our friendship.
Joye Carlson

Joye Carlson - January 21, 2021 at 08:18 AM

MP

Joye, thank you so very much for your kind words. My mom truly was a kind and gentle soul. She always spoke so highly of you too.

Mary Price - January 21, 2021 at 09:17 PM

GK

“ When I was at Calvin College Marlene and Marv came to my dorm and offered me a ride to Pella. They were in Grand Rapids to adopt a new baby boy. I couldn't believe they let me hold Mark all the way to Pella! Of course now I realize it was safer in the back seat than in the front. Baby car seats weren't used back then. Gene (Dryfhout) Kuiper

gene kuiper - January 21, 2021 at 07:58 AM

MP

Gene, thank you so much for sharing your memories of my parents. I truly appreciate it.

Mary Price - January 21, 2021 at 09:18 PM

PS

I loved Marlene we exercised every morning doing water aerobics in the pool. Loved her right away. We had a lot of laughs together. And got to know Mary. Her daughter. Mary is just as nice and kind and helpful especially to me a stranger to her and now a friend. God bless you and your family. I pray for peace for your hearts. Call me any time Mary. Love penny smith

Penny Smith - January 24, 2021 at 08:50 AM

MS

“ Mary, your mom was an extraordinary woman who lived a very fulfilling life, after reading her obituary. She was also an amazing mother because she raised such a beautiful loving daughter like you. May God give you lots of strength. You're in our prayers, and know that now you will always have an angel looking out for you! May she Rest In Peace. We love you! 🙏❤️🥰

Marina Sierra - January 21, 2021 at 12:35 AM

MP

Marina!!! My mom was an amazing human being and she will be missed more than words can say. Thank you for your kind words and I love you all!!!

Mary Price - January 21, 2021 at 09:20 PM

FD

Marlene was not only a great sister-in-law but also a good friend. We shared a lot together. Will miss her! Aunt Florence

Florence Dieleman - January 22, 2021 at 12:21 PM

MW

Good Bye my dear friend. We had such wonderful conversations in the pool at 7:30 a.m. weekdays at OWS. When we all left for our summer homes I always knew that you would call for a chat a few times over the summer. I will miss you so much.

I know that you are united with Huggy Bear again and you are both in God's loving care now.

Your friends

Marj and Doug Wells.

Marj/Doug Wells - January 22, 2021 at 04:15 PM

AV

Mary and Mark.....i remember how thrilled your parents were when they brought you home. You kids were so special to them. Jay and Marv taught some years together and then he stopped at our house so often as he sold insurance etc. such Good memories. We and they actually slept on the floor of Verteran"s Auditorioum during a snow storm at a girl's BB tournament. We got home the next morning. Your grandpa Dielemans were with us too. Marlene was our first Director of nurses at the new Pella hospital and she hired me. She was a great nurse and director. More good memories . May God wrap His loving arms around you and give you peace as only He can. H e will whisper "I will never leave you nor forsake you"....a precious promise. Due to weather I could not get to see you in Osky. and I am sorry about that. Sending love and sympathy and special memories. Audrey Veldhouse

Audrey Veldhouse - January 27, 2021 at 01:18 PM

LW

Mary, richest blessings to you and prayers for you and yours in the loss of your Mom. I enjoyed getting to know your parents in high school and I appreciated Marlene's dry sense of humor and caring heart. Hope this finds you well and may God grant you the embrace of His arms on those days when memories of Marv and Marlene bring tears....of both joy and sadness. Take care. Laura (Vander Weerd) Wielard

Laura Wielard - January 27, 2021 at 09:44 PM