



## Marlene Jean Herny

September 19, 1951 - March 4, 2025

Marlene Herny, 73, of Oskaloosa, passed away Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at Mahaska Health in Oskaloosa.

Marlene Jean Herny, daughter of William Archer and Mavis Marlene (Doud) Todd Sr., was born September 19, 1951, in Oskaloosa, Iowa. She was a 1969 graduate of Oskaloosa High School. She married Ron York in 1969, and a son, Joseph, was born to this union. They made their home in Council Bluffs, where she furthered her education at Iowa Western Community College and earned her A.A. in Accounting. After finishing her education, the couple returned to Oskaloosa, and she began working for Thorp Credit and later Pella Corp. Marlene and Ron later divorced. Marlene met David Herny, and they married in 1974. Two children, Brett and Rebecca, were born into this union. Marlene and David later divorced.

Marlene kept busy being a stay-at-home mother, but she also knew it was important to her to provide financial stability, so she started her own accounting business. Herny Tax Accounting would eventually grow to over 500 clients. She enjoyed the people she worked for and continued working until her poor health forced her to retire in 2022.

In her free time, Marlene was an avid mushroom hunter. She had that unique eye that allowed her to find them successfully. Marlene also enjoyed gardening and selling her produce at the farmer's markets and craft shows. Marlene looked forward to the races every year and watching NASCAR, especially Tony Stewart. Marlene also enjoyed her animals. Her two cats,

Skinny and Finley, were wonderful companions, and she immensely enjoyed them. She also loved the wild birds. Marlene had bird feeders outside every picture window. In her later years, Rebecca and Marlene would spend time together going for drives, an event that Marlene and Rebecca enjoyed very much.

Marlene's family includes her children: Joseph (Melinda) York of Sparta, MO; Brett (Lindsey) Herny of Oskaloosa, IA; Rebecca (Zack) Wilson of Bloomfield, IA; her grandchildren: Mackenzie (Cole) Morgan and her children: Opal, Carter and Truett, and Rylea (Alex) Wilson and her child, Huxley, and Blake, Brody and Boston Herny; her mother, Mavis Todd of Oskaloosa, IA; a brother, William Todd Jr. of Indianola, IA; an "adopted" daughter, Tabatha McClendon of Oskaloosa; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Marlene was preceded in death by her father, William Todd Sr.

Memorial services for Marlene will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. at Langkamp Funeral Chapel. The family will be present from 9:30 a.m. to service time to greet friends and relatives. Memorials may be made to the family, to be determined later.

# Previous Events

## Family Visitation

MAR 22. 9:30 AM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory  
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# Tribute Wall



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**Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory** - March 21, 2025 at 11:47 AM



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**Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory** - March 20, 2025 at 02:57 PM

BT

“ *Brenda Todd lit a candle in memory of Marlene Jean Herny*



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**Brenda Todd** - March 15, 2025 at 08:11 PM

CW

“ *I was so saddened to hear of Marlene's passing. What a sweet soul. I got to know Marlene years ago when she was referred for tax preparation. Shortly after, she became my client. I cut her hair for years. When covid hit, and her health declined, I provided house calls. When she started decreasing her clientele, I always felt privileged that I made the cut. I would provide her with fresh eggs, and she would let me help myself to her dish of chocolates and Rolos. She always had a genuine concern for me and my family. I will miss our visits, and conversations of gardening, morel hunting and cats.*

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**Cathy Weber-Long** - March 15, 2025 at 07:54 AM

RL

“ *We got to know Marlene doing our taxes. She became a good friend, we shared our mushrooming stories each year. Thought of her as family. We will miss her. Praying for her family.*

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**Rebecca Langstraat** - March 11, 2025 at 02:55 PM

LW

“ *So very sorry to read of Marlene's passing! She was a very special Lady and dear friend ! So sorry for your loss! My thoughts and prayers to all her family and loved ones !*

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**Lavoe Worrall** - March 09, 2025 at 01:27 PM

SH

“ *Marlene and I worked together at mahaska hospital and she did Mt taxes for many years...she was a wonderful lady..prayers to her family.*



Sherry - March 08, 2025 at 08:50 PM

SW

“ *I got to know Marlene out walking my dog. I lived on 4th. But moved to be closer to my daughters in Des Moines in 2022. We tried to stay in touch but life got in the way. She was a good friend. She will be missed by everyone that knew her. RIP my dear friend*

sherry werner - March 08, 2025 at 08:52 AM



“ *We got to know Marlene through her tax service, but being with her for probably about 17 years, we became friends. We would always catch up during our appointments. She got to hear about all of my biggest life events and was always cheering me on. She knew when I was getting married, graduating college pregnant, then even got to meet my son. He still remembers playing on her floor with her toys during our appointments. I am so glad I knew her. She was one of a kind, smart as a whip! And would tell ya how it was if you needed to hear it 😊 but I always felt like she genuinely cared about my family, as we cared about her too. Rest easy, Marlene. To her family, my heart is sad for you loss, and we will be praying for tears to turn to smiles when remembering the good times, sooner rather than later.*

Jessica Courtney - March 07, 2025 at 09:33 PM



“ *This just breaks my heart; Marlene and I have been friends for several years. She was just a nice lady. So sorry to all you who loved her. RIP my friend I'll miss you.*

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**Marty Burke** - March 07, 2025 at 12:16 PM