



Marla Jean Barber

May 25, 1941 - October 11, 2012

MARLA JEAN BARBER May 25, 1941 ~ October 11, 2012 "We will miss her so very much, but she will be with us forever in our hearts and memories. Love you sweetie!" Our precious wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother passed away on Oct. 11, 2012, peacefully at home with family by her side. Marla was born in Vancouver, WA, moved to Eureka, CA at the age of nine. Marla met Jerry Barber in a youth group at the First Christian Church of Eureka and they were later married in that church and enjoyed 54 wonderful years together. They became members of the First Presbyterian Church of Eureka where they were deacons and provided other services. Marla and Jerry also sang in the choir where they met many longtime friends of over 20 years. They lived in Eureka until moving to Renton, WA for four years and then to Vancouver, WA for the past 30 years. Marla was not only a wonderful wife and mother, but a very giving person through her active roles in PTA as president several years, as den mother in Blue Birds and Campfire, as a sorority sister in Beta Sigma Phi and later in her own business, selling adventures to others through her cruise agency, Custom Cruises Plus. She had a gift for giving others the means for them to create wonderful memories. While her daughter, Kathy, attended Mountain View High School, Marla was instrumental in beginning the annual Bazaar to raise money for the band and other student fundraisers. Marla and Jerry enjoyed traveling to Hawaii and all over the world on more than 70 Cruises. They enjoyed music and belonged to West Hills Dance Club of Portland/ Vancouver, where they were fortunate to

have met many more longtime friends throughout the past 25 years. She has touched so many lives and brought happiness to so many through her love, kindness and thoughtfulness. Marla is survived by her husband, Jerry Barber; daughter, Kathy Barber; grandchildren, Christopher and Christina and Nicholas Brannon; great-grandchildren, Ryan, Ileah-Rose, Steven and Adyson Kay Brannon; brother, Gary Griffin (Connie); nephew, Bryan and niece, Marce; her great-grandnephew, Andre. She was preceded in death by our son, Steven Elwood Barber; and daughter, Lorraine Kay Brannon; and her parents, Lloyd and LaVillia Griffin. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Evergreen Memorial Gardens, 1101 NE 112th Ave., Vancouver WA. 98684, at 12:30 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 27, 2012. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Marla's name to the American Cancer Society , or Humane Society of SW Washington, where she has served in many capacities. Marla loved our dachshunds through the years and especially their dog, Lucy.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 08:02 PM

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“ I have many fun memories of Marla, from lounging around the pool in the summer time to sharing many wonderful meals with her, Kathy and Jerry. She was such a gracious hostess and such a good cook! I remember her always taking a picture of Kathy and me in front of the Christmas tree; if you take the picture from up above, it's most flattering! :) I can still hear her laugh. She was so thoughtful, she remembered my birthday and even called to deliver birthday wishes. She was like a second Mom to me. I will miss her so much but count myself among the lucky people that knew and loved her and admired her courage.

Lisa Molina - October 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Wow!!! with my heart just crying I send to you Jerry, and your family our deepest sympathy on the passing of wonderful Marla. I remember how we first met at Albertson's getting our free blood checks for cholesterol....from then on we were friends and she scheduled many cruises for us. We just loved her and are so sorry to hear she has passed. She is in a better place with no more earthly suffering. She sure was a 'fighter'. With love, C & J

Cathy Grady/Jim Hoggan - October 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Jerry and Kathy: I was so saddened to learn of Marla's passing. What a special lady she was and how much she will be missed by so many longtime friends! I feel so fortunate that our families crossed paths many years ago and even though we lived far apart, we remained friends through all these years. It was an honor for me to share a friendship with such a caring, compassionate, and courageous lady! Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time. Treasure the beautiful memories you both have of the special times you all spent together because those memories will live in your hearts forever. The love she shared and her beautiful smile will not be forgotten. Thinking of both of you with much love.

Sue Nickols - October 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM