



Marleen Kay Davis

April 25, 1945 - June 30, 2020

Marleen Kay Davis (Wolkow), age 75, went home to Jesus on June 30, 2020, losing a 10 year battle with breast cancer.

Marleen was born in Genoa, Nebraska on April 25, 1945 to Reverend Hugh & Evelyn Wolkow, the second of four girls. Serving as pastors of the Church of God, the Wolkow family joined several churches in Nebraska, Washington and Oregon. Music was always a part of Marleen's life, starting early with the family singing as a quintet led by Hugh, and playing the piano and cello as early as the fourth grade. Marleen met her former husband, Floyd Davis, while attending Warner Pacific College in Portland, OR. They married June 7, 1966 and went on to have two children, Tanya and Joanne.

After graduating from Warner Pacific College in 1967, Marleen became a lifetime teacher beginning with elementary school and eventually starting her own piano studio. She continued to make a difference in the lives of students, teaching at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School as well as private students until March of 2020. She wrote this message for all she touched with her music as well as her life: Remember me when you hear music. But remember the music most of all. Don't weep for me. I'll be enjoying the music in heaven. I have enjoyed your friendships and your music.

She is survived by her two daughters, Tanya (Kyler) and Joanne (Randy), two

sisters, LaRene (Glen) and LaDonna (Wayne) and three grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Marleen loved the Lord and her music was also her ministry. She loved her students and she was loved by many others. Marleen's sweet smile and positive attitude will be missed greatly.

"The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation." (Psalm 145:18-19)

The family asks that in lieu of flowers or gifts, donations can be made in Marleen's name at Relay for Life: <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/MarleenDavids>

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 06:06 PM

CB

“ *Marleen has been teaching piano to my older two boys for the last 4 years. They really enjoyed the time they spent with her during lessons, where she not only provided great piano instruction but was a friend, mentor, and confidant. She could always tell when one of my boys was having a bad day and she always knew the right things to say to get him motivated again. I enjoyed our conversations after lessons and when I spoke with her on the phone. The last time I spoke with her she mentioned possibly moving into a care facility, but was worried about her piano students if she needed to make that decision. I will miss her greatly!*

Caroline Butcher - August 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Marleen was a dear friend. My office was right next door to her lesson room at my children's school. We had chats each morning and we talked about our love of arts and our our family. I will miss her truly and deeply when I return to school in the fall. My son loved to play on the piano and was looking forward to lessons as he finally was old enough this school year. She was a beautiful soul. She will be missed.*

Marcela Mahoney - July 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AA

“*Marleen Davis was the most marvelous person that I have ever met and she loved you all deeply. Please take care and know that we are here for you!*

Arlilah Chanel Abatayo - July 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AA

“*Marleen Davis was the most marvelous teacher (both in music and life), friend, and role model that I could have asked for. She loved and cared for you all deeply, always sharing how much she treasured moments spent with her amazing family. Please know that we care for you and support you, our thoughts and prayers are with you all. She once shared this quote with me: "My flesh and my heart fail; but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever," Psalm 73:26. Marleen will be eternalized through God, music, love, beautiful memories, and all the positive impacts that she made on the world.*

Arlilah Chanel Abatayo - July 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RO

“*Sent with love and remembrance,*

Randy and MaryLou Oberkramer - July 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LW

“*We just found out this morning about Marleen's passing at church. She was such a wonderful lady. My children loved going to her house to read her cartoon books and play with her toys while my daughter learned piano. Even after my daughter stopped taking lessons they still wanted to go back to her house. Our prayers are with her family. Love, The Williams Family*

Leanne Williams - July 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *Tanya, I have such fond memories of your Mom from our LJ church days and play dates at your house. Keeping your family in my prayers. With heartfelt sympathy, Lisa (Stoker) Padgett*

Lisa Padgett - July 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM

FT

“ *To Tanya and the entire family: Our thoughts are with you during these challenging times. May you find strength and comfort. Warm regards,*

Financial Crimes Training Team - July 10, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. With hugs and love,*

Jeff & Pam Kowal - July 10, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *Marleen taught piano to my daughter Becky and it seemed like so much fun that I asked her to teach me too. We had such a good time. Beth Dillon*

Beth Dillon - July 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *I remember how she was always there for her grandchildren. Very compassionate*

Karen Blair - July 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ I'm so glad Marleen touched my life with her ministry of teaching music. I will especially think of her when I hear the songs we worked on for recitals, "Für Elise" and "Memory" (from Cats).

Becky Corning - July 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Julia Davis lit a candle in memory of Marleen Kay Davis



Julia Davis - July 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ The lord be with you Marlene, RIP

Julia Davis - July 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ With loving memories of "Marleen Davis",

Linda Gernert - July 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ You are in my thoughts.the most dearest brilliant musician teacher I know. You will be missed and I pray you are teaching in heaven with the angels.

Michelle Wilkins & Family - July 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Michelle Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Marleen Kay Davis*



Michelle Wilkins - July 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM