



# Marlene Doris Lemon

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**M**arlene Doris (Neumann) Lemon:

Long time San Diegan, died Thursday, February 16th at her home surrounded by her family.

Born April 5th, 1934 in Brillion Wisconsin. She grew up on the outskirts of Brillion, the family's cheese factory, Neumann Dairy.

After graduating from Brillion High School, she attended Nursing School in Milwaukee WI. Soon

after Nursing School, she married. Her family moved and settled in San Diego, CA in 1958.

She worked as a nurse at a local doctor's office, and then became a private duty nurse at White

Sands Retirement Home in La Jolla, CA. She started working at Enterprise Car Rental in 1995

and was still employed there until recently.

Marlene's family was her top priority and rarely missed milestones in their lives, often traveling

to the midwest to attend graduations, weddings, holidays, special events and many times just to

be with them. Time with her family both here in San Diego and out of town was her pride and

joy. Next to family, her friends were the backbone of her life.

Marlene was a member of City View Assembly of God Church and active in their Saints Alive

Sunday School class. She was a member of the women's singing group, The Sweet Adeline's



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and active in the La Jolla Presbyterian singles group. She volunteered as an usher at the San Diego Symphony, The Civic Center and was a season ticket holder for over 25 years to The Lamb's Players. She was also a member of The Eastern Star. Faith in the Lord, her Savior, was the most important part of Marlene's life and she never failed or shied away from sharing God's love for and to others. She was full of energy and adventure, not wanting to miss an opportunity to have fun, this is what her family will remember most about her. Marlene is preceded in death by her Father, Anton Neumann, Mother, Ramona (Williams) of Brillion, WI, her brother Roger Neumann of Appleton, WI. She is survived by her sister, Lorraine (Neumann) Evel of Brillion, WI, her son Brad Lemon (Carmen) of Dallas, TX, Daughter Jenny Lemon Kittle Groceman (Mark) of Wichita KS, Daughter Julie Lemon Ford (Fred) of Lampe, MO, Daughter Janet Lemon Worts (Phillip) of Warner Springs, CA, her grandchildren Clayton Ford (Rebecca) of Bentonville, AR, Stephanie Worts Melvin (Cole) of Del Mar, CA, Mallory Lemon of Dallas, TX, Carly Ford Stover (Lucas) of Dallas, TX, Carson Worts of San Diego, CA, Emily Lemon of Dallas, TX, Jaymie Kittle of Wichita, KS, Jacquelyn Worts Johnson (David) of San Diego, CA, Justin Kittle (Taylor) of Wichita, KS, her great grandchildren Hunter Todd, Haleigh Lemon, John Kittle II, Amelia Johnson, Emmett Stover and Samuel Johnson. She is also survived by nieces, nephews and many many beloved friends.



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Her family would like to thank all of her friends and caregivers for their love and support.

Marlene's Celebration of Life service will be Saturday March 4, 11:00 am at City View Church,  
San Diego, CA in the Fellowship Center.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to City View Church, Saints Alive fund  
8404 Phyllis Pl, San Diego, CA 92123

Let us run with Endurance the race set out before us. Hebrew 12:1

For I will restore health to you ... says the Lord. Jeremiah 30:17



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ST

**Stephanie** posted:



March 4 at 7:39 AM

CW

**Cami King & Mark Weaver** posted:

Oh my goodness, to say we loved Marlene would be an understatement. Her smile and laugh always lifted our spirits. We will miss her terribly. Mark says "I will love her forever and a day". She was such a treasure, we were blessed to call her a friend. There are few losses more profound than the passing of your mother. Our hearts go out to you in your time of grief and sorrow. I hope you feel her around you daily and are warmed. Blessing to you and yours.

March 3 at 7:49 AM

ST

**Stephanie** posted:

Grandma Lemon is a lovely anomaly in a materialistic and transient culture. She is one of the last of her kind – part of a fading generation that valued people more than things. She read the Bible every day without fail. Always talking about the victory of Christ against sin, death, and Satan, she loves the Lord Jesus and sought His glory on earth – constantly reminding me to do the same. By His grace, she now expresses this testimony perfectly in His presence, having left behind generations of her loved ones with whom she shared God's love. Because of her, many have heard the Gospel – and many more will continue to! She was always cheerful, always encouraging, always answered the phone, always put her family first, always ready to party, always classy, always gentle, always respectful, always hard working, always honest, always kind, always contributing, always generous, always beautiful. Proverbs 31 describes her in all these ways, opening her hand to the poor, reaching out her hand to the needy – almost to her own danger at times. Though a generation removed, she was my most faithful friend. Dearest Grandma, Thank you for including me in all the fun events with all your friends. Thank you for loving me when I was not easy to love. Thank you for caring for me when I was a helpless babe, for the times you fed and bathed and held me. Thank you for loving your young grandchildren despite our attempts to cause cardiac arrest with the 6 & 8 legged creatures we'd share with you. I am sorry I did not value you as much as you are worth when I was younger, but I'm thankful for our increased time together within the last decade. I will miss my thrift store and In-N-Out buddy. I will miss you dazzling my every house party with your joyful smile and delicious fruit bowls. Thank you for always being there and being available and compassionate. The small glimmer of joy I have to know I'll see you soon again is and will be overshadowed by the struggle and pain of your physical absence. I treasure our time together; I treasure the privilege of being your granddaughter. Love always, Steph

February 19 at 12:31 PM



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JT

**Jodi Troussel** posted:

Thoughts and prayers to all of you..very fond memories of my high school days with your family. My mom and her are enjoying a great time together now..dancing the night away. I will try to be there for her services. Loved her smile and laughter..

February 24 at 10:07 AM

JF

**Julie Ford** posted:

Thank you Sharon for your kind words. She was deeply loved.

February 24 at 7:57 AM

JF

**Julie Ford** posted:

Agnes, she loved her time in Brillion for those class reunions! We heard about each and every one. Thank you for your kind words. Mom definitely had a gentle spirit.

February 24 at 7:26 AM

JF

**Julie Ford** posted:

Iris, she talked about you so much, thank you so much for your kind words and tribute to our mom!

February 24 at 7:24 AM

EH

**Edie Hafeman** posted:

I am really sorry over the loss of your mother. I know she has not been well for some time, but it still is hard to close the door. We talked frequently about old times and our families. I know how much she thought of all of you. She loved her family with her whole heart as well as our Lord. Church and family were what she lived for. She will always be in our hearts.May Gods loving arms hold you close and bring healing to each and everyone of you. God be with you all. Love, Edie

February 23 at 7:13 AM



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WM

**Wendy Mcleod** posted:

We want to express our sympathy and let you know that our thoughts are with you. Auntie Mar was an elegant, kind and loving friend for life. Someone so special can never be forgotten. She will be missed by everyone. Rest in peace Auntie Mar.

February 23 at 1:39 AM

SP

**Sharon Pearce** posted:

I'm so sorry to hear about your loss – your mom was a wonderful – vibrant – woman, who loved the Lord and her family. My prayers are with you. Sharon Pearce

February 21 at 6:50 AM

IV

**Iris Van** posted:

Marlene invited me to her 75th birthday party given by her caring children. It was so great to meet all of the people she so often talked about on our many luncheon dates when my late husband and I were in CA.. Marlene drove many miles to join us. She invited me to go on a cruise to one of the islands and we found her cousin in the south of FL. I was privileged to show her the Grand Canyon. Most precious of all was a time we shared lunch in Balboa Park just last November. Seemed she never wanted that lunch to end and she looked so pretty and stylish. I treasure the lunches we shared with her sister Loraine and my sister Faith. I feel blessed to have known Marlene from our ages about five on to the present as our dad's hunted together and we met early, shared high school and times just after in Milwaukee where we were both studying. She was one beautiful friend, inside and out, and was a friend to so many. I am thankful she had so much caring attention from her children and Stephanie. Blessings to all of you for your loving care. Iris Van

February 19 at 1:56 PM

AB

**Agnes Baer** posted:

I would like to extend my sympathy to Marlene's family! Marlene was a classmate and friend of mine in Brillion High School in the early 50's. We sang in a double quartet together and then in a triple trio ~~ always taking first place in State competitions. We had very close friendships in our graduating class and looked forward to many class reunions since 1952! Marlene almost always traveled back to Brillion to celebrate with us and we all looked forward to seeing her there. We will miss her but will hold all the fond memories of her gentle spirit until we meet again. God bless you all, her children!!Love, Agnes Baer

February 19 at 12:31 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Marlene by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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