



Marilyn Jane Neal

January 15, 1940 - February 22, 2022

Marilyn Jane (Reynolds) Neal passed away Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at the Atterdag Village of Solvang in Solvang, CA at the age of 82 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

Marilyn was born January 15, 1940 in Indianapolis, IN to her parents Russell Perry and Ruth (Zimmerman) Reynolds. She graduated from Garrett High School in 1957. She attended and graduated from Depauw University with a degree in Romance Languages where she was also a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. She married Richard Neal in 1962. Their marriage lasted 22 years until their divorce in 1985. During their marriage, Richard was an officer in the US Air Force which required them to move often. They lived in Lubbock, TX, Reynoldsburg, OH, Naples, Italy, Colorado Springs, CO, Norfolk, VA, San Bernardino, CA, and San Diego, CA.

Marilyn was primarily a housewife but did work several places over the years. After college she worked at the Lincoln Life Insurance Company in Fort Wayne, IN as a Spanish language translator. In San Diego, CA she worked at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church as the church secretary then transitioned to Wells Fargo Bank as an executive secretary.

Marilyn's primary interests and hobbies were reading, puzzles, and travel (especially Paris, France). She loved classical music and was an avid and accomplished ACBL bridge player who easily achieved Lifemaster status. She was a joy to all who knew her and had an incredible sense of humor.

Marilyn is survived by her brother, Richard, two children, Lance and Jennifer, one grandson, Matt, and four step-grandchildren, Jonathon, Patrick, Darci and Shanna.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to the Atterdag Village of Solvang or the Parkinson's Foundation.

A memorial service will be hosted on May 16 at 11:00AM at St. Marks in the Valley

Episcopal Church, 2901 Nojoqui Ave., Los Olivos, CA

Tribute Wall

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“ I’ve tried to contact Marilyn and she hasn’t answered her phone for years. I called where she lived in Solvang and wasn’t able to find anything about her. Today I was thinking about her and looked and searched again and saw that she had went to be with her Lord. I was saddened reading this and that I wasn’t able to contact her. We worked together for years. After my husband and I retired she called and invited me to go to Paris with her. My husband said to go enjoy yourself and I did. She was amazing: she knew the language and travel system well enough that we utilized every ounce of our time wisely there. She loved her family, she loved and was faithful to the Lord, was brilliant, funny, resourceful, focused (on the task, project or venture at hand) and a good friend! “I miss not being able to call you on your birthday but know where I will see you again dear Marilyn!” God’s Blessings and prayers to her family for she loved you well!

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