



Marlene Jeanette Engstrom

December 30, 1950 - April 25, 2020

Marlene Jeanette (Soland) Engstrom, daughter of Clinton Harold Soland and Arleen Wilhelmine (Brandt) Soland, was born December 30, 1950 in Bottineau, North Dakota. She was the third daughter of four girls and raised on the family farm near Landa, North Dakota.

Marlene attended first grade in a one-room schoolhouse near the family farm; attended Landa Public School from grades 2-5; and then attended Souris Public School from grades 6 through high school. She graduated with honors from Souris in 1968.

Marlene furthered her education and attended Minot State College, graduating in June 1972 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education with an English major and a history minor.

On April 3, 1971, Marlene was united in marriage to Dennis Leroy Engstrom in Souris, North Dakota. They shared many wonderful memories and had just celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary.

Due to Dennis being in the U.S. Army, they were transferred to several different duty stations. Shortly after their marriage, Marlene and Dennis were transferred to Ansbach, Germany where Marlene taught GED classes and they stayed until January 1973. They were then transferred to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and stayed until 1977. While at Fort Leonard Wood, Marlene worked for the University of Missouri-Rolla in their College Prep program. She wrote proposals to obtain funding, helped to hire instructors, and did office record management duties. She taught English part time to military students who were taking non-credit college-level courses to become oriented for college level work. They transferred to Fort Lewis, Washington and lived there until August 1979 at which time they came back to Fort Leonard Wood and stayed until December 1982. During that time, Marlene worked various jobs; cashiering at an Army convenience store, sold life insurance for United of Omaha, office clerk at an Army convenience store, an Army service station and at a military clothing sales store. They were transferred one more time to Pirmasens,

Germany in January 1983 and stayed until October 1985. She worked for five months as a salesclerk for the PX and then went to the commissary as a cashier and then assistant head cashier. They were transferred the last time back to Fort Leonard Wood. Dennis retired as a Sergeant Major in May 1990 and they decided to stay in the area.

In July 1986, Marlene began a civil service position as a procurement clerk at contracting until July 1995. She then served as a supply clerk until March 2003 and then went back to contracting as a procurement clerk, then a contract specialist and retired from civil service December 31, 2017. The last 11 years, she was the program coordinator for the government credit card program at Fort Leonard Wood with administrative oversight of up to 800+ accounts.

After her retirement, Marlene was able to do more of the things she loved to do. She loved to cook and being home with her fur family members, Callie and Zoe who preceded Marlene in death. She loved cats and had many fur babies throughout the years. Marlene also participated in various church activities and volunteered about 12 hours a week on a special project at our church.

Marlene passed away Saturday, April 25, 2020 in her home having attained the age of 69 years. She will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved her.

Marlene leaves to cherish her memory her husband: Dennis Engstrom of Crocker, MO; three sisters: Clarice Ryan of Kinder, LA, Margaret Earle (Thomas) of Colorado Springs, CO and Christine Zaun (Jim) of Burlington, ND; nieces: Kelsey and Mackenzie Walz, Angela Anderson and Crystal Espinoza; nephews: Nathan Tongate and Thomas and Daniel Earle; several cousins, other relatives and friends.

Marlene was preceded in death by her parents, Clinton and Arleen Soland; paternal grandparents, Carl and Clara Soland; her maternal grandparents: Emmanuel and Violet Brandt; and one brother-in-law: Robbie Ryan.

Graveside services will be held at Mouse River Church Cemetery in Landa, North Dakota on June 16, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. with a reception following at the Kramer Senior Center. A memorial service is pending at a later date at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in St. Robert, Missouri

Memorial contributions may be made to her church, Faith Evangelical Church in St. Robert, Missouri and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St.

Robert.

Cemetery

Mouse River Lutheran Cemetery

Landa, ND, 58783

Events

JUN 16 **Graveside Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ 13 files added to the tribute wall



Christine Zaun - May 20 at 09:19 PM



“ 130 files added to the album LifeTributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - May 14 at 10:02 AM



“ Our Marlenie, truly one of a kind with the purest heart and soul. You will be sorely missed dear friend

lora soderholm - May 21 at 07:36 PM



“ Betty lit a candle in memory of Marlene Jeanette Engstrom



Betty - May 04 at 11:22 AM



“ Marlene was always so friendly and helpful. I appreciated her friendship and she will be missed by so many

Darlene battle - May 02 at 10:57 PM



“ My condolences to your family I was shocked very shocked Marlene was a very sweet person

Jerry Blada - May 20 at 10:12 PM



“ Cheryl Teague lit a candle in memory of Marlene Jeanette Engstrom



Cheryl Teague - May 02 at 03:25 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I haven't seen Marlene since we went to school together in Souris. I thought she was a wonderful person then and she sounds like she never changed from being just as caring. Again I am so sorry!!

Cheryl Harnish 🍷 - May 01 at 10:17 PM



“ Marlene was a real trooper, always completed thing at D.O.C. when I worked there....thoughts and prayers to you Dennis.

Bob Ebaugh - May 01 at 04:37 PM



“ Marlene will be deeply missed. She provided support for me during the passing of my parents. She was more the kind lady a wonderful person.

Richard Babb - May 01 at 02:37 PM



“ Marlene will be missed She was a wonderful friend and always ready to help anyone who needed her. My prayers are with Dennis



BEVERLY RICHARD - May 01 at 08:36 AM



“ Dennis, Marlene was the kindest person ever. She was such a dear friend to me. I am so sorry for your loss. I loved her dearly. Prayers my friend

Debbie Pendleton - April 30 at 10:55 PM



“ Sweet lady. My Condolences to her family.



Anne-Marie Finney - April 30 at 09:50 PM



“ Betty Breedlove lit a candle in memory of Marlene Jeanette Engstrom



Betty Breedlove - April 30 at 02:44 PM



“ Dee Anderlik lit a candle in memory of Marlene Jeanette Engstrom



Dee Anderlik - April 30 at 02:41 PM



“ Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Marlene Jeanette Engstrom



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - April 30 at 10:50 AM



“ Marlene was one of the best people you will ever meet. She was kind and helpful to anyone who approached her. Both, my wife Lerosé and myself are very saddened by her passing. She will always be remembered. Our condolences to her family and friend.

Jose Morales Berrios - April 30 at 10:20 AM



“ Dennis, like you we are mystified by events of life, and death, which never seem to make sense. Please accept our condolences and know Marlene will forever be in our thoughts.

Gary and Rita Carr

Gary and Rita Carr - April 30 at 10:11 AM



“ Marlene was the sweetest person I have never known and one of the best neighbors a person could have. She was an animal lover who always helped any animal that crossed their property. She is missed and we loved her dearly.



Ann Stevenson - April 30 at 10:02 AM



“ Barbara Owens lit a candle in memory of Marlene Jeanette Engstrom



Barbara Owens - April 30 at 10:01 AM



“ Marge Scott lit a candle in memory of Marlene Jeanette Engstrom



Marge Scott - April 30 at 09:13 AM



“ Anita Dietz lit a candle in memory of Marlene Jeanette Engstrom



Anita Dietz - April 30 at 08:45 AM



“ Marlene was such a sweet soul, I've known her for 30 years at least. We have just recently been communicating on Facebook. Marlene always had a kind word to say about everyone, Over the last years battling with cancer, she thought of others first before herself. Dennis, I'm so sorry for your loss, but we know that to be absent in the body is to be present with the Lord. I know she is shouting and singing right now. Love you my friend.



Janice Howell - April 30 at 01:54 AM



“ Marlene helped me out a great deal at work in DPW, always super nice and helping me manage our accounts. We all suffer a loss with her passing. Greg Hipps

Greg Hipps - April 30 at 09:46 AM



“ Dennis...Our prayers are with you with the passing of Marlene. She was a sweet and kind soul. You two were very close, so your loss will be great. Please know that God will comfort you during this time and give you peace.

Chris Malley - May 01 at 01:51 PM



“ Dennis I just want you to know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Marlene was such a great person. I loved her smile. She will be greatly missed. Donna and Lee Hickey

Donna Hickey - April 29 at 11:43 PM