



Marlene Joan Batts

February 27, 1937 - March 11, 2023

Marlene J. Batts, age 86, went to her heavenly home peacefully of natural causes on March 11, 2023. She was born in Hawley, Minnesota and has resided in the Detroit area since 1957. Marlene got immense pleasure from being a servant to church, family and friends. She loved traveling, and relished being with friends and family. Her patience, affection, and unflagging positive spirit will be missed greatly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Chris and Ida (Alm) Hagelund, her sister Edna (Swenson), and brothers and sisters-in-law (Vincent Dahle, Ernest Swenson, Howard Batts, Martin and Ann Batts, and Roger VanDuinen). She is survived by her sister AnnaMarie Dahle and sister-in-law Connie VanDuinen.

She will be deeply missed by her husband of nearly 66 years, Peter M. Batts; son Kenneth (Lori) Batts, daughter Jan (Steve) Cary; grandchildren Lindsey (Marcus) Syverson, Jeff (Stephanie) Batts, Alex (Emily) Batts, Suzy (Patrick) Pieszala, and Katie (Nick) Mineo; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Visitation for Marlene will be on Friday, March 17 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm located at Wasik Funeral Home-Gendernalik Chapel, 35259 Twenty-Three Mile Road, New Baltimore, MI 48047. Instate at Knox Presbyterian Church on Saturday, March 18 beginning at 11:00 am. Funeral Service to follow at 12:00 pm on Saturday, also located at Knox Presbyterian Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - New Baltimore
35259-23 Mile Road
New Baltimore, MI 48047
(586) 725-0177
<https://www.gendernalikfh.com/>

Instate in church

MAR 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Knox Presbyterian Church
25700 Crocker Blvd.
Harrison Township, MI 48045

Funeral Service

MAR 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

Knox Presbyterian Church
25700 Crocker Blvd.
Harrison Township, MI 48045

Committal Service

MAR 21. 12:30 PM (ET)

Great Lakes National Cemetery
4200 Belford Road
Holly, MI 48442

Tribute Wall

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“Pete and Marlene have been such great neighbors and friends, always ready to help if needed; always ready to visit, especially in “Pete’s Park” during pleasant weather. Both of them were faithful participants in the HARBORLIGHTS singing group here at the Village. Her presence will be sorely missed.

Marlene will be remembered as the supreme organizer. Her home was always immaculate with everything in its place. She also organized things for the benefit of others. She loved to organize the books in the Knox Church library as well as in the Village of East Harbor library. She kept the name tags organized for all of the residents of East Harbor so that they could be easily picked up at the monthly Residents Association meetings. She also loved to organize the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle so that they would form a beautiful picture!

We know that Marlene loved the Lord and is now in His presence singing a new song. Although we will miss her at the present time, we know that one day we will be “neighbors” again.

We pray, Pete, that you and all your family will experience the Lord’s love, strength, peace, and even His joy at this difficult time.

Bob and Pat Healy

ROBERT HEALY - March 16, 2023 at 11:13 PM

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“Dear Marlene; such a steady, happy, wise, intelligent, loving and loyal friend and servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. We consider her friendship and just plain “classy” brand of living and serving the Lord to be the joy and crown of her life. How Pete loved her, depended on her.....we love you Pete and will pray for the Lord to bring comfort to your broken heart. She adored you. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Philippians 1:21.

Chris and Grace Fenton

Grace Fenton - March 12, 2023 at 09:29 PM