



Marlene Kay Milliman

October 8, 1946 - September 5, 2024

Marlene Kay Milliman, 77, of Kalkaska, passed away suddenly on September 5, 2024 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. She was born on October 8, 1946 in Traverse City to the late F. “Mike” and Beverly (Ghastin) Riley. Marlene began her career with Ma Bell, navigating through decades of change and progress, and retired as a manager at AT&T. Though she excelled in her professional life, her heart always belonged to her family. She cherished her sons and found immense joy in her grandchildren, who held a special place in her heart. Marlene was known for her close-knit friendships, enjoying outings with friends, whether shopping or simply spending time together. Her church community also played a significant role in her life, providing her with spiritual nourishment and fellowship. Those who knew Marlene will remember her as a compassionate and caring soul, always eager to lend a hand. She was a classy lady, who was always “put together” and dressed up all the time. She was neat, tidy, and organized which translated into how she took care of her home, constantly putting in the work to make it better. Marlene’s infectious laughter will forever echo in the hearts of her loved ones. Marlene is survived by her sons Jon (Pam) Conant, Paul (Suzanne) Conant, and Keith Conant; stepchildren: Jamie (Meagan) Milliman, Jude (Tiffany “Tipi”) Milliman; grandchildren: Breanna, Amber, and Dylan; step grandchildren: Jude, Annika, Hannah, Colin, Kamden (Jessica) and Hannah; several great grandchildren; and siblings Patrick, Timothy, Luanne, Gerry, and Joe. She was preceded in death by: her husband Jim Milliman, daughter in

law Betsy Conant, granddaughter Whitney, and siblings Mike and Gloria. A memorial service will be held at 11am with friends and family gathering from 10am-11am on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at Kalkaska Funeral Home. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Previous Events

Friends and Family

SEP **21.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S. Cedar
Kalkaska, MI 49646
(231) 258-3346

Memorial Service

SEP **21.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S Cedar St
P.O. Box 1457
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Tribute Wall

CI

“ A better friend I could have never asked for. Your mother was simply an incredible woman! I remember the day, some 20 years ago that God put her in my life. I can't thank Him enough and I will never forget her. She will always hold a very special place in my heart. My heart goes out to you her sons, and all her family. She will be missed by so many. Xo



Cara Irvine - September 23, 2024 at 12:30 PM

ST

“ My condolences to the family of my beautiful friend Marlene. She was all a friend could hope for: kind, fun, helpful, and loving. Her hope was in Christ her Savior, and we know she is with Jesus, but will be missed greatly here.

Shirley Thurlow - September 20, 2024 at 08:41 PM

AK

“ Andre and Dyanna Kuschell purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marlene Kay Milliman.



Andre and Dyanna Kuschell - September 18, 2024 at 09:05 PM

JR

“ So sorry to hear about Marlene’s passing, our thoughts are with the family. John and Tina Riley

John Riley - September 18, 2024 at 09:00 PM

JM

“ Jude, Tipi, Hannah and Colin Milliman purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Marlene Kay Milliman.



Jude, Tipi, Hannah and Colin Milliman - September 17, 2024 at 02:26 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Marlene Kay Milliman.



September 17, 2024 at 01:55 PM



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September 17, 2024 at 09:37 AM

JS

“ I met Marlene in 2016 when we started working at Cherry Street Market. She and I worked together for two years but we became close friends. Marlene had a sweet, gentle soul that deeply touched those around her. I will miss her kindness, her laughter, and her smiling face. I feel blessed that she was a part of my life.

Judy Stone - September 13, 2024 at 04:28 AM

VN

“ I met Marlene just before she moved back to be near her family. She was such a lovely person, amazing friend to so many, but her greatest love was her children. I send them my heartfelt condolences. We will miss her too. Victoria

Victoria Nash - September 12, 2024 at 04:16 PM

VN

“ Victoria Nash lit a candle in memory of Marlene Milliman



Victoria Nash - September 12, 2024 at 04:04 PM

CM

“ Marlene was one of the most kindest people I have ever known. I will miss her at all the church functions. She showed her love for Christ in all she did. So glad she was in my life.

Carol Maciejewski - September 11, 2024 at 04:59 PM