



Marcia J. (Schuyler) Kline

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Marcia J. Schuyler Kline, with her family at her bedside, passed away on September 24, after a valiant struggle with pancreatic cancer. Marcia was born on September 4, 1945 and married on June 21, 1969. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Merrill, son Michael, son Brian, daughter in law Suzie, and her first granddaughter Stella. Marcia was preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Mildred Schuyler, her younger sister, Virginia (& Walt) Theile, her great-nephew, William, numerous aunts and an uncle, and her brother-in-law, Charles. Marcia is also survived by her brother, Thomas (& Frances) and their daughters, Jessica and Andrea, and by Virginia's children, Kip Theile (& Catherine) and daughter Gretchen, and Heather (Theile) Cullin (& James) and sons Benjamin and Alex. Marcia also leaves behind her close cousin, Suzanne (& Jay) and their children and grandchildren, and her childhood best friends, Margie (& Mel) and Beverly. She is likewise survived by the Minnesota Kline clan including Merrill's siblings, Arlene, Bob (& Rosie), Ron (& Joyce), Jack, Mary Lou (& John), Elaine, Albin, and Therese and all their children and grandchildren.

Marcia from childhood always wanted to be a nurse, especially a nurse of children. As a Presby grad, she worked at Pittsburgh Children's Hospital and later part time as a school nurse in the North Allegheny, Hampton, and Fox Chapel school districts. She worked all the way up to age 71, and then took a break to start another job helping take care of her granddaughter in California. Besides being a nurse, Marcia's passion was for genealogy and for travel. She has written but never published over 800 pages on the Schuyler (Shuler) family tree. She intends to complete that task in the after-life. For anyone that has ideas on how to help her complete her dream of writing her book, talk to Merrill, Michael, or Brian. She spent several years in Spain and in Slovakia due to Merrill's work with U.S.Steel. She sang in a Basque choir in Bilboa, Spain, and helped Merrill trace his family roots in Slovakia. Over the years, Marcia traveled the world with her family including trips to Alaska, Canada, Mexico, England, France, Spain, Italy, Greece, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Poland, Egypt, Australia and New Zealand. All of those trips were so wonderful thanks to Marcia's amazing planning abilities.



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Marcia also enjoyed her time with the U.S. Steel Ciloet group where she made many friends. She believed in civic duty so she was a judge-of-elections for over 20 plus years. She loved music; she sang with and encouraged her son's musical development, helping teach them piano and guitar. Weather below 85° F demanded no less than 2 sweaters and long johns. She was smart, truthful, honest, kind, blunt and stubborn when she believed she was right. Her sons were her pride and joy - she would do anything to make them happy. That includes right up until the end when she would still roll her eyes and smile at her son's jokes even while dealing with incredible pain. Her strong spirit will stay with us always.

A closed casket service will be held at the Jefferson Memorial Cemetery in Pleasant Hills, PA on Saturday, September 30, 2017. A memorial will be held a week later in Minnesota, and then another afterwards in California.

One last note, Marcia had a memory that was so amazing, the rest of the family relied on her all the time. If we forgot something, now we need your help to remember. Please keep thoughts of Marcia in your heart and don't hesitate to contact Merrill, Michael, or Brian if you want to share any nice memories, pictures, or anything else to help us remember the truly wonderful wife, mother, and friend, Marcia Joanne Kline.

Visitation:

301 Curry Hollow Road
301 Curry Hollow Road, Pittsburgh, PA, 15236
Saturday from 1 - 2 p.m.

Funeral Service:

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Saturday at 2 p.m.



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CS

Casondra Sobieralski posted:

Ahhh, so THAT's where my travel bug seeds were planted--by Marcia!!! My parents are not travelers, so I always wondered where that inspiration to dream and the chutzpah to actually follow through came from. Makes total sense! I loved going to the Kline's house and hearing her tales of Spain. I always felt mesmerized by the guts it took to leave behind the comforts of home and dive into the Unknown. From her I learned what sort of attitude it takes to swim so flexibly. I rode the big yellow school bus with Michael from second grade through high school, and loved visiting his family every chance I got. His mom inspired me in so many ways. She was one of the few moms in our 'burb who balanced a career and a family, and she was thus a much needed role model for those of us just out of the Title 9 starting gate with few guideposts. She didn't need to hide her radiant natural beauty behind toxic paints, and I still follow her lead, social pressures be damned. She had strong opinions, and she wasn't afraid to express them with gusto. --but usually with a heavy dose of wickedly smart dry humor, so even if you did not agree, you still had to feel her love and laugh. She wasn't materialistic, in contrast to the culture that we were immersed in, and I learned from her Live Simply and Compassionately philosophy. And now I see, she was also likely the one that inspired my love of travel and adventure, which has so defined my adult life. Marcia, passing over is just another travel adventure, one not mapped by NASA yet. And I am sure you will charm, inspire, and educate-by-example all the souls you meet along the way, just like you did all us kids growing up in North Allegheny tiger country. Much love and support to you all!!!

September 30 at 11:30 AM

WE

William Esau posted:

Dear Kline Family:Phyllis, Bill, Stephen and Kevin Esau extend our deepest sympathies to you and all your loved ones on a truly great loss.Marcia was a kind and friendly person to all that met her.She always was the face and friendliness of the Voter Pole for the Balmoral Street Friends she had.We, again, are deeply saddened by the loss of a neighbor and friend. May her memory be eternal Esau Family

September 30 at 10:08 AM

CS

Ciloets Of U. S. Steel posted:

Merrill, you and Marcia have always been special to the Ciloets of U. S. Steel. You both are remembered fondly for all you did for our organization during the years you served as our Advisor with Marcia accompanying you to all of our events. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family -- thoughts and prayers are with you.

September 29 at 7:23 AM



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Beverly Bailey posted:

I'm Beverly Bailey. Marcia and I are childhood friends and stayed close throughout the years. My heart is broken. I know that she's at peace now, but I will miss her terribly. My thoughts and prayers go to Merrill, Brian, Michael, Susie and Stella.

September 27 at 11:00 AM



Carolyn Briggs posted:

My name is Carolyn Briggs and I am one of the nurses that worked with Marcia at Hampton School district. It is odd the connection I feel to Marcia, considering we never had the opportunity to meet face to face. If I needed anyone to sub for me she would be the first call I would make. We had many conversations over the phone and through e-mail. And, being well traveled, Marcia usually had some suggestion of some adventurous activity I could take in wherever I vacationed. I felt a calm presence when we spoke and I know the kids felt it too. My deepest, heart-felt condolences go out to all the knew and loved Marcia.

September 27 at 4:42 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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