



Mrs. Marianne Donaldson

October 17, 1950 - April 29, 2024

Donaldson, Marianne, 73, passed away peacefully in her home April 29, 2024. She was born October 17, 1950, in Battle Creek, MI to James and Patricia LaFountain. She was married to a very loving, giving, devoted husband Malcolm Donaldson for 42 years. Together they raised 2 beautiful faithful servants, daughters, Drew Reeves Herrera (husband Julio; grandchildren, Malcolm, Julio, and Jonathan) and Georgia Lynn Fowler (husband Zachary; grandchildren, Ben and Melissa.) Survived by 9 siblings Thomas (Sheila), James (Patricia), William (Marsha), Susan (Randy), Geraldine, John (Denise), Kathy, Joseph, Mark, and Christine. Mary graduated from Hillsborough High School, went to Hartford Airline School and attended Massey Junior College. She worked for GTE, Hook and Holtsinger, and for Brandon Chamber of Commerce. Along her journey, she never met a stranger. She was truly interested in who you were, your family and your purpose in life. God entrusted Mary to take care of those in emotional or financial distress. She said, "it was easy; give them Malcolm's money to help them and do what it takes to be a friend." For 25 years she worked in the prayer room at Bell Shoals Baptist Church, writing letters of encouragement and hope to those in need. Side by side she and Malcolm served in the Nursery ministry, giving of themselves to God's youngest servants to be. Job 10:12 "You gave me life and showed me kindness and in your providence watched over my spirit." A funeral service will be held Tuesday, May 7 at 11:00 A.M. at Bell Shoals Church, 2102 Bell Shoals Road, Brandon, where the family will receive friends

beginning at 10:00 A.M. Interment at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell.
Expressions of condolences at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Ave
Bushnell, FL 33513-8914
(352) 793-7740

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bell Shoals Church
2102 Bell Shoals Road
Brandon, FL

Funeral Service

MAY 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bell Shoals Church
2102 Bell Shoals Road
Brandon, FL

Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Marianne Donaldson



Hopewell Funeral Home - May 06, 2024 at 09:01 AM

NR

“ My sincerest condolences to Mariannes family. I was once her neighbor and she was always so friendly and always had a big smile. What a sweet person she was. She will always be remembered.

Norma(Hull) Raynes

Norma Hull Raynes - May 09, 2024 at 07:15 AM

LS

“ Dear Donaldson family, I am deeply sorry for your loss. Marianne was so kind and thoughtful. I have many wonderful memories of her support of the library programs at Dover Elementary School where I was the school's librarian. I'll never forget her working at the annual book fairs. She will truly be missed.

My deepest condolences to all of you,

Mrs, Linda Scholtes

Dover School Librarian 1980-2013

Linda M Scholtes - May 06, 2024 at 08:15 PM

JH

“ James c H. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Marianne Donaldson.

James c H. - May 06, 2024 at 12:00 PM



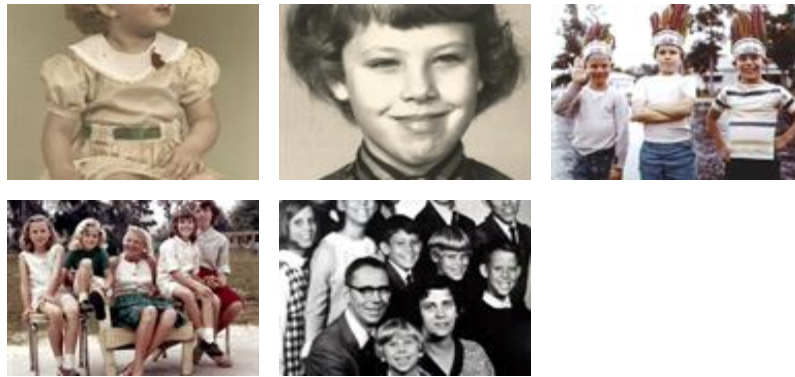
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Hopewell Funeral Home - May 06, 2024 at 10:03 AM



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Hopewell Funeral Home - May 06, 2024 at 08:58 AM

CR

“ Carl and Amarilys Rassler purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Marianne Donaldson.



Carl and Amarilys Rassler - May 04, 2024 at 10:39 AM

RG

“ Randy and Susan Gardner purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Marianne Donaldson.



Randy and Susan Gardner - May 04, 2024 at 10:12 AM

RG

“ Randy and Susan Gardner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Marianne Donaldson.

Randy and Susan Gardner - May 04, 2024 at 10:12 AM

KD

“ Kris & Diane purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Marianne Donaldson.



Kris & Diane - May 03, 2024 at 05:37 PM

KD

“ Kris & Diane planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Marianne Donaldson.

Kris & Diane - May 03, 2024 at 05:37 PM

SH

“ Marianne was once my neighbor. She was like an angel in disguise. I always knew she was such a caring person, but as I've grown older, I know even more so how blessed I was to know her. She sincerely cared. She would stop whatever she was doing and pray with me. I lost about 80 pounds from stress, going thru a divorce with two young sons and one day I walked outside to find a little letter with money in an envelope from her. She said take this money and buy yourself a new dress. Another time I had gotten home from work and opened up my freezer and there was food , waiting for my sons and I. One time I looked out my window, and she was out there mowing my grass. The grass was pretty high and she was using a push mower. She was quiet in the way she would just be there. I've gone on to have other neighbors , no one has ever compared to her. As I've grown myself thru the years, I've realized what a rare beauty she is. My sons and I still have her in our conversations. She and her husband and daughters are a very special part of memories in our lives. She didn't view material things with significance. She knew we wouldn't take anything with us when we go to heaven. God, family, fur -babies :) and being there for others, spreading His Love is what mattered to her. I love her. I love her dearly. And I truly cannot wait to see her and hug her when I get to heaven as well.

Sherry Hanel - May 03, 2024 at 12:25 PM

DH

Sherry this means so much to me, thank you for tsking the time to write these memories

Drew Herrera - May 04, 2024 at 08:33 AM

AK

“ Avery, Grayson, Lainey, Jamey, and Krist purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Marianne Donaldson.



Avery, Grayson, Lainey, Jamey, and Krist - May 03, 2024 at 10:13 AM

TA

“ Marianne was a strong spirited loving person and friend to everyone. There are so many storylines that involved me and her loving husband and beautiful daughters. All outrageously funny. I plan to write them down and share with her family.

Tim Avirett - May 02, 2024 at 09:17 PM

DH

Thank you uncle Tim

Drew Herrera - May 04, 2024 at 08:33 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marianne Donaldson.



May 02, 2024 at 08:56 PM

FC

“ From Tim AVIRETT and Mary Campbell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Marianne Donaldson.

From Tim AVIRETT and Mary Campbell - May 02, 2024 at 08:56 PM

JD

“ Joanne D. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Marianne Donaldson.

Joanne D. - May 02, 2024 at 06:58 PM

DP

“ David, Connie & Cara Edwards, Lois Pinkn purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Marianne Donaldson.



David, Connie & Cara Edwards, Lois Pinkn - May 02, 2024 at 06:35 PM

DP

“ David, Connie & Cara Edwards, Lois Pinkn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Marianne Donaldson.

David, Connie & Cara Edwards, Lois Pinkn - May 02, 2024 at 06:35 PM

SL

“ Skip and Valerie Larson purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mrs. Marianne Donaldson.



Skip and Valerie Larson - May 02, 2024 at 06:15 PM

FW

“ From your Epilepsy Warriors purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Marianne Donaldson.



From your Epilepsy Warriors - May 02, 2024 at 04:28 PM

DR

“ Marianne was one of my best friends for 52 years. If you looked up friend in the dictionary you would see her picture. She had a heart of gold and she served the Lord very well she definitely received her angel wings before she went to Heaven! I pray for peace and strength for Malcom, Drew, Georgia and the family to get through this difficult time!

Deborah Reed - May 02, 2024 at 04:16 PM

KK

Marianne our oldest sister, God's faithful servant, one you could go to for guidance; may not always be what you wanted to hear but it was always what you needed to hear. For 9 of her siblings, we don't know life without her When Marianne was asked why I should be admitted to Heaven, her response was because of the Blood of Jesus who died for me. Monday was a very busy day in Heaven and there was a long car line. God responded: "Well done, good and faithful servant." Just go the head of the line, after all you are Herrera's mom. Dobrou noc. Till we meet again. Love, LaFountain gang.

Kathy Kaaa - May 03, 2024 at 11:25 AM

DH

Absolutely, you put that beautifully aunt Kathy! thank you for writing this
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Drew Herrera - May 04, 2024 at 08:35 AM

DH

Thank you Debbie, we'll said and I am sorry you lost your friend, she is waiting for us when it is time for us to go to her

Drew Herrera - May 04, 2024 at 08:36 AM

SG

Beautiful Kathy, she was a light that shined brightly. Always an encourager and a faithful prayer warrior. Cared about absolutely everyone. Our family was blessed because of Mary Ann. We have the promise that we shall be with her again, and I will stand on that promise. My love to Malcolm, Drew and Georgia. Susan LaFountain Gardner

susan gardner - May 05, 2024 at 12:12 PM