



Mrs. Marlyn Carlton Ford

September 25, 2013

Marlyn Carlton Ford, of Dover, Florida, 34, went to be with the Lord on September 25, 2013. She was born in Tampa on August 27, 1979, to Dennis and Alice Carlton. She attended the Palma Ceia United Methodist School and Grace Christian School in Valrico, and the First Freewill Baptist Church in Seffner. She loved the outdoors, the family ranch and refinishing furniture. She was a stay-at-home mom. She leaves behind her husband Joel Thad Ford; children Haize, Jenna, Maci, Laila and Kassie; parents Dennis and Alice Carlton; siblings Melissa Carlton Thomas (Patrick), and Dennis Carlton, Jr.; nephews Tucker, Trent, and Tripp; and grandfather Dr. Leffie M. Carlton. A memorial service will be held on Monday, September 30 at 11:00 A.M. at the First Freewill Baptist Church, 11605 US Hwy 92 East, Seffner, with Pastor Will Beauchamp officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Seffner Christian Academy, 11605 US Hwy 92 E, Seffner 33584, in honor of her love and passion for her children. Expressions of condolence at www.wecare.io

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Memorial Gardens

6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
(813) 737-3128
office@hopewellfuneral.com
<https://www.hopewellfuneral.com>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Free Will Baptist Church
11605 US Hwy 92
Seffner, FL

Tribute Wall

AT

“ April Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marlyn Carlton Ford



April Taylor - September 27, 2016 at 07:43 AM



Danielle
Canavan

“ Everyday I thank god for sharing you in my life. Theres not a day that goes by that I dont miss you my friend. You are the reason I am a live today and have my wonder life. I hope you understood how much you ment to me. I love you Marlyn and we will meet again my friend. Thank you for being such a great friend. I miss you so much mama

Danielle Canavan - July 10, 2014 at 11:22 PM

DL

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Please accept my sincere condolences. Having a loved one pass away is one of the hardest things we have to deal with in this life. Please be assured that God does care and will remember your loved one. In times like these I find comfort from God's word the bible. Revelation 21:4 is particularly soothing where God says" and he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." Please remember and cherish the memories of you dear loved one and look forward to the time when death will be a thing of the past- just as God has promised.

Dan Lawrence - October 01, 2013 at 04:16 PM

LD

“ I was so sorry to hear about the passing of Marlyn. My prayers go out to the Ford and Carlton families. Linda Doling

Linda Doling - October 01, 2013 at 10:24 AM

LE

“ Said a prayer for your sweet families today as they are going through this difficult time... I hope they found some comfort in one another and everyone there today that cherishes you so much.

Lexie - September 30, 2013 at 09:33 PM

NC

“ Marlyn always had a smile on her face and always made the best of a bad situation. We spent many of fun times together dancing the night away. My thoughts and prayers go to her children, husband, family, and friends.

Nicole crutcher - September 30, 2013 at 08:19 PM

JF

“ Dennis and Alice--

Today at the Memorial Service, I was struck by the depth and strength of the love within your family, undergirded by our awesome Lord. I am so sorry for your loss, and I know that you both, little Dennis, Melissa, Thad and the rest of the family already miss her terribly. However, you have been model parents, and I know that Marlyn, without a doubt, felt the depth of your love. Because of you, Marlyn has left a legacy of love, founded in our Savior, that will continue for generations.

Jay Talley and family - September 30, 2013 at 01:22 PM

CP

“ When I was younger Marlyn babysat me some, and this summer I had the privilege to babysit her 5 precious kids. Every time I talked with Marlyn she was always so positive and trusting that God's plan was far better than both of our plans. Marlyn was a blessing to be around and such a strong woman. As my heart aches for the family and especially the kids we have comfort knowing that she has no more pain!! Praying for you guys, love ya'll.

Courtney Pennington - September 30, 2013 at 02:09 AM

SC

“ Our heart-felt condolences go out to the Carlton/Ford families in the passing of Marlyn, much too soon! Much love, hugs, prayers for strength, courage, comfort and a peace from God which surpasses all understanding as only HE can give, for each one of you!!!
Sam and Carol Conrad



Sam & Carol Conrad - September 29, 2013 at 07:02 PM

CS

“*Marlyn, you will be missed. I'm so glad I got to share my high school years with you. You had an amazing sense of humor and magnetic personality. I will never forget the laughs we had both in high school and in our adult lives. You were the most gracious prank call receiver I have ever victimized. ;o). You have left a wonderful legacy behind for your beautiful children.*

To the Carlton/Ford families, there are no words too strong enough to convey my most sincerest, heart-felt condolences. I cannot imagine what you are going through. May God keep you in the palm of His hand and comfort you as you navigate through these difficult times. Your family's faith will get you through this and bring you all closer.

There is nothing that I would want to do more but to make it to the services on Monday. I cannot make it despite my best efforts because of work obligations. However, please know that my thoughts are with all of you.

This world lost Marlyn too soon.

God Bless,

Crystal Turner Sebago

Crystal Turner Sebago - September 29, 2013 at 01:51 PM

Missy
Duncan

“ 10 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Missy Duncan - September 29, 2013 at 01:28 PM

TF

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Carlton and Ford Families. You are in our thoughts and our prayers.*

The McGrath Family - September 29, 2013 at 10:56 AM

MM

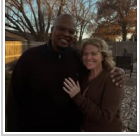
From the McGrath Family

Mac McGrath - September 29, 2013 at 10:57 AM

LR

“ *Amil and Loraine Rose are so sorry to hear of Marlyn's passing. She was so beautiful and loved her family so much as can be seen in the various pictures shown. We did not know her but her grandfather, Leffie Carlton, was our doctor for many years and we miss him since his retirement. We will remember Marlyn in our prayers each night and again send our blessings to everyone in the family. In deepest sympathy. Amil and Loraine Rose*

Loraine & Amil Rose - September 29, 2013 at 12:28 AM



“ *Every time I ever saw Marlyn she had a beautiful smile on her face and never hesitated to speak. I wish I could have got a chance to know her more but I do know that she has raised some wonderful children. Maci is one of Hannah's dearest friends and she shares that same beautiful smile. I am praying that you all find comfort in knowing that people from all over are praying for you. Directly or indirectly, Marlyn has touched many lives. God bless you!*

April Kerbow - September 28, 2013 at 08:49 PM

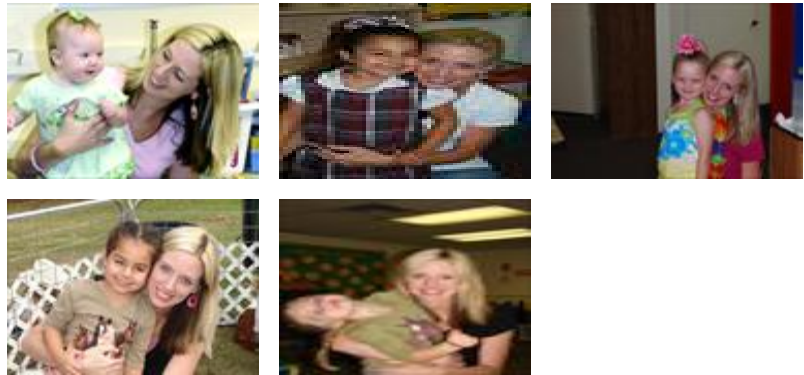


“ *Marlyn was one of my very best friends. We met 7 years ago when our girls were 3. They became fast friends, and so did we! We had so much fun together...trips with the kids to Busch Gardens, the Zoo, fun times helping at school, shopping...she was so much fun to be around!
I will miss our morning conversations when she would greet me with "hey girl!" I am comforted that I will see her again one day. I know she will greet me at the gates, welcome me in & say "hey girl" once more.
I will always cherish our friendship and love my sweet and beautiful friend!!!!*

Christie Scott - September 28, 2013 at 07:52 PM



“ 17 files added to the album Marlyn having fun with her babies!!



Christie Scott - September 28, 2013 at 07:47 PM



“ Prayers for peace and comfort go out to her family and loved ones. What a beautiful inspiration she has been to so many.

The Keen - Newton Family

Anna Keen - September 28, 2013 at 02:42 PM



“ To Marlyn's family: So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of sorrow.

Patsy Rice Edwards - September 28, 2013 at 12:55 PM



“ Lindsay R. purchased the Our Sincere Condolences Gourmet Gift Basket for the family of Mrs. Marlyn Carlton Ford.



Lindsay R. - September 28, 2013 at 09:05 AM

DH

“ Please accept my deeply felt sorrow and condolences for the entire Carlton family. I have known most of the family for many years at the office of Dr. Linebaugh and then Dr. Weihe. My heartfelt prayers for all, Dana Howden

Dana Howden - September 28, 2013 at 06:26 AM

DK

“ When I first moved to Seffner with my wife, Amanda, and 8-month-old son, Jamie, to become Administrator of Seffner Christian Academy, the Carlton family was one of several who took us under their wing and helped us through the transition of leaving our family and moving 12 hours away. Marlyn became one of Jamie's favorite big sisters, and she was wonderful with him. She even made a trip back to Virginia with us, as she had become friends with our niece, Jennifer, while she was visiting us in Florida. We have fond memories of shared dinners, days spent on the lake and just having fun together. This is a special family, and we mourn with them. Our hearts are broken. We will always remember Marlyn's gorgeous smile, quick laughter and beautiful heart and feel privileged to have known her.

Dr. James Kilgore - September 27, 2013 at 11:22 PM

EB

“ Emily Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marlyn Carlton Ford



Emily Brown - September 27, 2013 at 10:23 PM

April
Farkas

“ *My husband and I were blessed to have had a moment with Marlyn in our lives. We will always remember <3*



April Farkas - September 27, 2013 at 09:26 PM

NL

“ *Marlyn is my sister in Breast Cancer she Friended me on Facebook we never met in person but spent a few sleepless nights chatting about BC and our journeys She helped me thru a very difficult time we share pictures of our radiation recon Etc helping each other thru the next phase of our journeys I am forever grateful I pray her family knows how many lives she touched and that her husband and children continue on in life with her strength and passion god bless
Nikki Lucas*

nikki lucas - September 27, 2013 at 09:15 PM

ST

“ *Have only known marlyn since she's been with Thad but what a blessing she has been for his family we had a wonderful trip scalloping to steinhatchee with them and there wonderful children our thoughts and prayers are with Thad her family and children God Bless Bushrod ,Susanne and family*

susanne teuton - September 27, 2013 at 09:08 PM

TB

“ We met Marlyn & Melissa in June 2012 at a doll show in NC. We only spent a few hours with these sweet ladies, but in those few hours, Marlyn changed our lives. God brought a precious angel home on Wednesday. Our deepest sympathies to the entire family. What a blessing beautiful Marlyn was to everyone she met!

Mike & Tracy Bromlow

Panama City, FL



Tracy Bromlow - September 27, 2013 at 08:59 PM



“ I remember seeing photos of Marlyn months before I met her, and knew immediately that she would be the perfect model for one of my lingerie for breast cancer survivors. And she was. She was an absolutely stunning person outside AND inside. Her smile, her strength, her gentleness came out in so many areas of her life. I am honored to have known her, and she will forever be in my heart. RIP Marlyn.



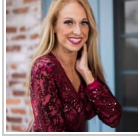
Heather Joie - September 27, 2013 at 08:49 PM

CB

“ Thad and family of Marlyn, I am truly sorry for your loss. I will keep you, your kids and the entire family in my prayers.



Chris Belcher - September 27, 2013 at 08:28 PM



“ *Such a strong, beautiful, amazing, inspiring woman! I feel so lucky to have met her through our shared endeavor of inspiring other breast cancer survivors to get their "sexy" back... The LOVE that radiated between her and her wonderful husband was so obvious and inspiring and they portrayed an image of dreams coming true for a beautiful blended family!! It is genuinely heart wrenching to see her life and those dreams cut short, though I can't help but believe she will still be right there for all of them as a Beautiful Angel watching over them for all of their lives to come! I send thoughts and prayers of STRENGTH TO ALL OF HER BEAUTIFUL FAMILY during these most difficult of times!*

Jessica Martin - September 27, 2013 at 06:40 PM

GF

I had the honour to meet this lovely, vibrant lady at the launch of CWAK, she sparkled then and I'm sure now she'll sparkle in the sky as a star, such terrible news, so tragic.

Gordon Fairer - September 27, 2013 at 09:23 PM



Heather
Miller

“ *I had the privilege of knowing Marlyn since she was 8. The best memories are of jet skiing in the lake and the haunted trails at the Halloween party when we were younger. She was a great mom, wife, daughter, sister, and friend. I will miss you always but it's so comforting to know I will see you again. Continually praying for the 'peace that passes all understanding' for her family!*

Heather Miller - September 27, 2013 at 04:06 PM


Heather
Miller

“ 3 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Heather Miller - September 27, 2013 at 03:51 PM



“ *I have so many fun memories of my beautiful friend Marlyn...from being cheerleaders together, to riding 4 wheelers at her house, and jumping off the dock into the lake. She had a joy about her, such a strong spirit, and such an evident LOVE for her husband and children. She will be greatly missed! Praying peace and comfort over her family, in a way that only our Father in heaven can give.*




Melina Orengo - September 27, 2013 at 03:38 PM

RO

“ *It's with a heavy heart that I remember how nice and welcoming she was to me when I was new at our school, that sweetness never left and I'm happy I got to know her through school and as adults. She will truly be missed and today is such a sad day.*

-Robbie Olson

Robbie Olson - September 27, 2013 at 03:35 PM

 Pam
Pippin

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are going up for the family and friends of Marlyn*

Ron and Pam Pippin and family



Pam Pippin - September 27, 2013 at 03:23 PM

KR

“ *Although I did not know Marlyn until last year, she left a lasting impression with me and while fighting for herself helped me to raise funds for Lope For Hope and Pink Horse Inc, her love for her children and family were evident in her actions, god bless her sweet children and family*

KM

kristen - September 27, 2013 at 03:11 PM

 Tara
Hollow

“ *Tara Hollow lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marlyn Carlton Ford*



Tara Hollow - September 27, 2013 at 03:10 PM

TS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Tara Stremming - September 27, 2013 at 03:03 PM

JB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and we love you.

Bill and Janice Blanchard



Janice Blanchard - September 27, 2013 at 02:42 PM

AN

“ Sending our love and deepest condolences to the family of a beautiful woman with an amazing spirit.

Angela, Todd, and Tyler Duncan



Angela - September 27, 2013 at 01:43 PM

CC

“ Sweet lady!We would attend Mount Zion Homecomings!She always had a radiant smile,an always saw the compassionate love of her children an family!Our prayers!

Cecil & Janice Carr - September 27, 2013 at 01:42 PM

MF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers go out to the family.

Matt and Kelly Fulford

Matt and Kelly Fulford - September 27, 2013 at 01:30 PM

MS

“ *Maria Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marlyn Carlton Ford*



Maria Sanchez - September 27, 2013 at 01:13 PM



Leeanna Smalley

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to your family. God bless.*

Leeanna Smalley - September 27, 2013 at 12:42 PM

JF

“ *Jana Foxworth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marlyn Carlton Ford*



Jana Foxworth - September 27, 2013 at 07:49 AM

JD

“ *My prayers go out to the family for strength from God during this tiime, I remember all the times Alice and I crammed Marlyn , Melissa and Den along with my two grandchildren into my little Saturn to go to Church, Marlyn was always holding one of the smaller ones. Marlyn will be greatly missed but she is in a better place and with no pain*

Janice Daush

Janice daush - September 27, 2013 at 04:44 AM

CM

“ Chris And Amber Moyer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marlyn Carlton Ford



Chris and Amber Moyer - September 26, 2013 at 09:02 PM

CM

“ We are thinking about you and praying for you during this time.
Chris and Amber Moyer

Chris and Amber Moyer - September 26, 2013 at 09:02 PM

LP

I was reading the newspaper on Sunday 09/29/13 and I happened to see Marlyn's picture. As routine, I read the Tribune on Sunday's and I always glance at the obituary section to see if there is anyone I know that I possibly took care of since I am a Critical Care Nurse. I was drawn to her announcement, as she was only 34 years of age. I don't know Marlyn or her family but I am sending out a heartfelt prayer for everyone "especially her children" as I have three of my own. I know you miss your mama sweethearts! Know that she is walking beside the the still waters of heaven.....she is surrounded by so much beauty and joy that we will never comprehend! God Bless you all.....

Lovely Patel

Lovely Patel - October 05, 2013 at 07:22 AM