



Marilyn Lea Moo

January 1, 1947 - October 21, 2018

Marilyn Moo is my wife I will love her the rest of my life. For thoughtless reasons, I didn't tell her that each day until the countless times I told her after we learned our time together was limited and the last words of our wedding vows would soon be upon us. I can't write a true story of her life without saying how much she has been loved and welcomed into my life and the lives of everyone lucky enough to know her as she felt lucky to know them. The constant thought in the notes, cards and calls she's gotten is the love expressed. Everyone should know she feels exactly the same about them. In a career and life that took her from coast to coast and to islands and oceans far from home, she made and enjoyed other friends in tall buildings at work or on sunny beaches and boats from Santa Catalina to St. Lucia or Tahiti. Marilyn is most comfortable eating bites of watermelon with friends sitting in sand chairs on an island in Perdido Pass or under a cluster of palms on St. John in the Virgin Islands reading a good book. It has been the friends; always the friends, who made her love and value life. We vowed to love each other 42 years ago in a judge's chambers in Jacksonville, Florida. She molded me to be twice what I would have been without her. Everything I did right was for her. In facing devastating news about our short time remaining, she told me leaving me alone was worse than what was happening to her. Don't wait for this time in your life to think about how much you love and value your wife or husband. Don't let it sneak up on you on the day you have no one to call to say you're on the way home.

Marilyn was born in Oklahoma City. She credits her grandfather and her part time job as a television station receptionist for paying her way through college. Retail fashion became her first love. It sounds glamorous to have worked at Macy's in San Francisco, but it also included flying three time zones away to the garment district of New York. She also made trips to the orient as a buyer where customs of host countries and translators added to the difficult dimensions of her work. Wherever she had to go, everyone knew if Marilyn had twenty dollars and a credit card in her pocket she would be able to find her way safely home.

Our careers meant new opportunities in different cities. When job changes came for us, she sold the house and found the new one when she caught up. She loved the changes. She picked the homes and colors and always made our homes friendly and warm. She was always the most beautiful and welcoming feature of every home we chose.

In the last weeks, Marilyn got to see many of her friends and most of our family members. She specifically expressed not having a formal service or memorial. One day, her ashes and mine will be in the water near a beach we loved. Instead of mourning her loss, she wants each of us here and her family in Texas, Oklahoma and Florida to remember their best times together and to know how much she loves them too. Write her name in the sand on a beach you think she'd like; That's what she wants. Thanks for loving her. Tom Moo Arrangements are entrusted to Cason Funeral Service in Foley Alabama

Tribute Wall

ML

“ Dear Tom, and dear Marilyn. That is the way we always think of you. We are deeply sad to see this news, and so long after your beautiful words were posted.

A number of us have attempted to "find" you over the years. We (all of your California News crew) maintain great affection for both of you. When we meet among ourselves, your names always come up.

The memories we share are joyful, and filled with love. Whether you've been aware or not, you've always been stuck with us. We all continue to hold both of you in our hearts.

We send wishes of peace and comfort, and would very much like to hear from you.

For all of us,
Maggi

Maggi Lepore - May 19, 2025 at 02:05 PM

SB

“ So very sorry to hear of Marilyn's passing. I have been searching for her for several years am doing a family book and would love to do a page on her looking for Ross her brother to do pictures of him. My e mail is sharbu@northwestel.net. I live in the Northwest Territories and my phone number is 1 (867) 875-8400 (I phone) or 1 (867) 874-6660 (land line) Would love to hear from any one who is a family member. Our Great Grandfathers first name was August and her mother was a descendent of August's son Carl Hoping to hear from you.

Shari Burnstad - October 11, 2019 at 02:33 PM

LK

“ Marilyn and I met in a Home Economics class at Central State College the fall of 1968. Both of us being “Chatty Cathy’s” we became instant friends. This friendship has lasted for 50 wonderful years. We kept the phone company in business with our many, many calls making sure we were always there for each other. Marilyn and I were in diffearent sororities in college. At one time we thought about forming our on sorority. We just could not decide what to call it!!!!

In the summer of 1975 I visited Marilyn in Jackson, Florida for a few days. We had such a great time. All most too great of a time. We went to Disney World and acted like two little kids and set on the beach acting like teenagers.

My husband, Pat and I just returned form Akumal Beach in Mexico. I thought of Marilyn everyday as I set on the beach watching the ocean waves. Pat wrote her name in the sand for me and we watch the waves wash Marilyn out to sea. We love and miss you so much Marilyn.

Linda Looper Keefe

Linda Looper Keefe - November 01, 2018 at 05:31 PM

LK

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Linda Looper Keefe - November 01, 2018 at 04:39 PM

RM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ross Meyer - October 30, 2018 at 06:08 PM

SB

Beautiful picture. Wish I could have met her

Shari Burnstad - October 11, 2019 at 02:34 PM

RM

“ *Our Aunt Marilyn will always hold a special place in our hearts, we loved her very much.*

Uncle Tom, we love you and will always be here for you.

Ross, Jayne, Maryn and Reid Meyer

Ross Meyer - October 30, 2018 at 04:55 PM



“ *Tom and I have always treasured the friendship we shared with you and Marilyn. Even though she has left us she will always be in our hearts. Please remember that there are friends who will listen and care.*

Louise and Tom Monaghan

Lou Monaghan - October 29, 2018 at 01:03 PM

DG

“ *My initial reaction on meeting Marilyn in the spring of 1967 as a lowly TKE pledge she appeared beautiful, gracious, and well spoken. As time passed and I was privileged to know her better I discerned she possessed a beautiful heart and soul as well. She was a wonder TKE Sweetheart and Ambassador. But she was better ambassador and representative of the best of the human race. I will always remember Marilyn fondly. I will never forget her. I pass on my condolences and thoughts and prayers to her surviving family.*

Sincerely,

*DANIEL J. GAMINO
Epsilon Sigma Chapter, TKE #228*

Daniel J. Gamino - October 29, 2018 at 09:35 AM

CC

“ *Tom, what a beautiful memorial to Marilyn. She would have been so proud of you for opening your heart in that way. You were both so blessed to have each other. I think of you daily and pray that you will remember that all your friends are here for you, in a very real way. We will all stay in touch, and hope that you will as well. We are all here for you.*

Cheryl

Cheryl Cockrell - October 28, 2018 at 09:39 PM

CC

“ I'll never forget the first time I met Marilyn, at a Newcomers' Book Club. She said her last name was Moo, and I thought, well that's an interesting name- she must be married to an Asian man. She quickly disavowed me of that error, and explained she was married to a great guy named Tom, who happened to have the name of Moo. She said she had thought of keeping her maiden name, but it was just too much fun to be a Moo, so she thought she'd keep it! I loved her from that moment on. All the things everyone says about her are true- she was welcoming, warm, kind, patient, very smart, and very elegant. I admired her so much. I told her 3 days before she passed away that I've always thought of her as the classy, savvy and elegant older sister I always wanted but didn't have until I met her. She was there for me in very dark times, and in so many happy times as well. She taught me many things that I will treasure and try to pass on to others. What a blessing she was. I will always love and miss you, Marilyn. The world is colder without you.

Cheryl Boykin Cockrell

Cheryl Cockrell - October 28, 2018 at 09:24 PM

NM

“ We have such fun memories of Marilyn and so many good times together. Some of these were with Newcomers activities and others were with Coast Guard Aux. events. Marilyn is the one who introduced me to the historical events of the Oklahoma Indians. And I do love Indian stories. Marilyn was the leader of many of our social groups and we will miss her deep, quiet voice encouraging us on. You are so missed, Marilyn. Heaven is a better place because you are there. Sending one of Norm's big hugs to you. Much love from Nancy and Norm Matzl

Nancy Matzl - October 28, 2018 at 08:47 PM

BS

“ I first met Marilyn at a Coast Guard Auxiliary Christmas party when she and Tom were new to the pleasures of the island. Somehow I coaxed her into joining Newcomers where she climbed the volunteer ladder to the top, Madame President, Ms Moo. Didn't surprise me. Marilyn was sophisticated, stylish, smart as a whip, headstrong, sassy and fun. Yet she was warm and generous at the same time. My kind of woman. She'll be missed but I'm grateful to have been able to call her friend.

With love I say goodbye

Barbara Suberi

barbara suberi - October 28, 2018 at 05:26 PM

JM

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



john meyer - October 28, 2018 at 12:50 PM

JM

“ I/we always loved our Aunt, she was always welcoming and kind to us. She was eternally looking forward to a visit from us and making sure we had fun from the first time I/we went and saw her and Uncle Tom. We always enjoyed her/their company, she will always be loved and missed. Love, John and The Pearland Meyers

john meyer - October 28, 2018 at 11:57 AM

KB

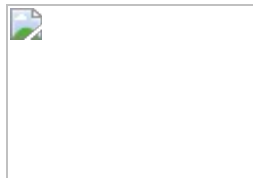
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Kim Birch - October 27, 2018 at 07:34 PM

KB

“ My Aunt Marilyn has been in my life for as long as I can remember. She was always there with a smile and a hug. As I grew older, she became my friend. I've enjoyed her friendship and always cherished the times we were together. I cannot believe she's gone. Life won't be the same without her in it. The photo of her, Tom and my daughter (Kaley) was taken at my house just a few years ago. We always had fun when we were together and just as the Moo family does so well, there was always food involved. I remember her teaching me how to make a Caesar salad when I was about 10 years old. While at her house last week I saw this photo of her with my grandmother. I snapped a pic for myself as I imagined the two of them now reunited. I hold so many wonderful memories of my Aunt Marilyn in my heart. She was an amazing woman and I'm so blessed to have had her in my life. 💕



Kim Birch - October 27, 2018 at 03:08 PM

BH

“ Tom, I so enjoyed Marilyn. She was always so sweet to me. I will miss her dearly. My deepest sympathies to you at this sad time.
Beth Higgins

Beth Higgins - October 26, 2018 at 10:40 PM

NS

“ What a beautiful tribute to the love of your life. I was just thinking of her the other day and wondering how she was. So sad to learn she is gone from us. She always gave me the biggest hugs whenever I saw her and we always talked about trips we were going on or had been on. Blessings to you and your family.

Nancy Schmitt - October 26, 2018 at 08:51 PM

SL

“ Tom, what a beautiful tribute to your wife and my friend! She was so welcoming to me at Newcomer's and the groups we were a part of. She truly had a beautiful soul and I loved her ability to be so inclusive to others. She loved people and her life-you could just tell by her smile! She was worried about you-but that's Marilyn-always looking out for others. I just can't believe she is gone-she will be so missed by me and I am just proud to have been able to know her. You had a one of the kind in her (but I know you know that). You will continue to be in our prayers for strength in the coming weeks and months.



Stephanie & Barry Lockridge

Stephanie Lockridge - October 26, 2018 at 08:43 PM

HS

“ Marilyn was so very nice, and I loved getting to know her.

Heidi Stanley - October 26, 2018 at 08:12 PM

SH

“ Tom this is the most touching and well written obituary that I have ever read. Love the memories that you shared of my special friend. She will be greatly missed and always a memory in our hearts. We are always here for you and are only a phone call away. Remember all the instructions Marilyn left you to keep active.

Donnie and Sherry Hornbuckle

Sherry Hornbuckle - October 26, 2018 at 12:08 PM

AD

*Dear Tom,
You poured your heart out in tribute to Marilyn. We loved her and will miss that redhead! Remembering our last dinner at Tuscany with the dining out group and how full of life she was...gone to soon. We will see always keep her in our memory with love and admiration.
Andrea and David*

Andrea DeMeyer - October 28, 2018 at 10:29 AM

JM

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JoAnn Meyer - October 26, 2018 at 07:36 AM