



Marilyn Anne Rutter

October 23, 1938 - February 1, 2024

Marilyn Ann (Sumerix) Rutter, the rock of her family that kept everyone connected, died peacefully February 1, 2024 at her home in Olivet. Marilyn, 85, was born October 23, 1938 in Charlotte, MI to Henry and Ina (Baker) Sumerix. Marilyn married Charles Rutter in June of 1957, and together they had three children that grew up knowing the love of extended family because Marilyn always made family the heart of every adventure. For the last 20 years, Marilyn put together a Sumerix family newsletter to let everyone know what was happening within their large, extended family. Travel often included a stop at family members homes to say hi, and she loved to travel...visiting most of the 50 states in her lifetime. Her children and grandchildren will remember many trips with their family, including train trips West, and an annual family fishing trip to Canada.

Marilyn had a keen eye for detail, working as a secretary at Olivet Middle School, and had also been a proofreader for the Charlotte newspaper, The Republican Tribune, and she wrote a lot of poetry. With a big heart, Marilyn would often find ways to lend a helping hand in any way she could, and was always looking after friends and family. She loved to cook for large crowds, always cooking from scratch, and made a variety of wonderful pies for family gatherings. With an adventurous spirit, she even participated in a school donkey basketball game. Marilyn and Charles served as youth group leaders at the Brookfield Church for many years, and always put God's love as the

highest priority in life.

The greatest adventure of Marilyn's life was family. She will be greatly missed by her children, Jacquelynn Kwiatkowski, Jeffrey (Katie Collier) Rutter, and James Rutter; grandchildren, Katelyn and Stephanie Kwiatkowski and Alex Schneider; and many beloved nieces, nephews, and extended family members. She was predeceased by her husband, Charles Rutter in 2019; her siblings, Lyle Sumerix, Joyce Morgan, Betty Ross, and Harry Sumerix; and her parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Marilyn's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Visitation is Tuesday, February 6, 4-6:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. Funeral services are Wednesday, February 7, 11:00 AM at Pray Funeral Home with Rev. John Morse officiating. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on Marilyn's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Marshall Community Foundation for the Olivet Schools Scholarship Fund at 614 Homer Rd., Marshall, MI 49068. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Perry Cemetery

2688 Stevens Hwy.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home (Charlotte)
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral

FEB 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Burial

FEB 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

Perry Cemetery
2688 Stevens Hwy.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Marilyn Anne Rutter*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 07, 2024 at 09:35 AM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Marilyn Anne Rutter*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 06, 2024 at 10:03 AM

AG

beautiful tribute

Anita Grijalva - February 06, 2024 at 08:09 PM

SR

Thank you for posting that video.

Scott R - February 07, 2024 at 02:00 PM

SB

“ We are extending all our love and warm condolences to the Rutter family on the passing of Marilyn. May you find comfort and peace during this difficult time. Her memory will live on in all the knew and loved her. Mike, Steve and Jennifer Baker and Pam Halbrook

Steve Baker - February 06, 2024 at 05:42 PM

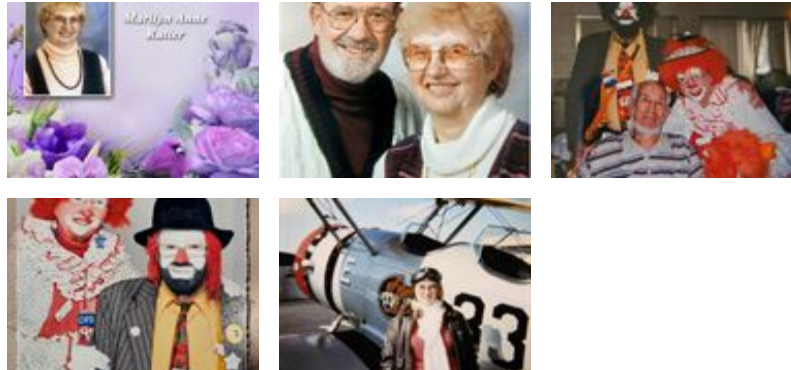
SP

“ Stephen P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn Anne Rutter.

Stephen P. - February 06, 2024 at 12:42 PM



“ 41 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 06, 2024 at 09:58 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marilyn Anne Rutter.



February 05, 2024 at 04:02 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marilyn Anne Rutter.



February 05, 2024 at 01:44 PM



“ My mom was the center of our extended family. Her greatest joy was having a houseful of family members talking, reminiscing, and playing games; both inside and outside of the house. There was never a stranger who wondered into our family, everyone was welcomed and embraced with friendship and love. You never left hungry, and were always welcomed back to visit again. Many memories I will cherish forever of catching up with cousins, aunts and uncles at my parents house, playing croquet, badminton, corn hole, michigan rummy(Tripoli), and hearts. My mom was full of love, friendship and family. I miss and love you forever. Jackie

Jackie Kwiatkowski - February 05, 2024 at 11:48 AM

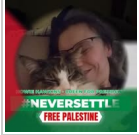


I'm offering sympathy to the family from the Milbourne family. Marilyn was a one of a kind type of woman. My sister, Charlene, was best friends with Marilyn and Marilyn had a very special place in our family. She told us stories about my family I never heard of! She knew my Grandmas, aunts and uncles , and my brother and sisters and details of our lives! She loved my Mom and Dad, Edna and Al, like they were her her family. We all loved Marilyn too. She I talked about all of your family as well. Keep your family close, just as your Mom and Dad did while alive❤️.

My sister Charlene is still alive and living with Alzheimer's for 11 years now. She would have been so broken heart to hear of her death, her dear BBF". God bless you and your dear family.

Carol Milbourne Butzow, Gary Milbourne, and extended family.

Carolyn Carol Milbourne Butzow - February 25, 2024 at 08:50 PM



“ *Kate Kwiatkowski lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Anne Rutter*



Kate Kwiatkowski - February 05, 2024 at 01:37 AM



“ *Mickey, Kelly, Loraine, Brenda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn Anne Rutter.*

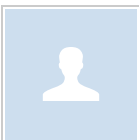
Mickey, Kelly, Loraine, Brenda - February 05, 2024 at 12:42 AM



“ *Mickey, Kelly, Loraine, Brenda purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Marilyn Anne Rutter.*



Mickey, Kelly, Loraine, Brenda - February 05, 2024 at 12:42 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Marilyn Anne Rutter.*



February 04, 2024 at 07:32 PM

TF

“ *The Collier Siblings and families purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Marilyn Anne Rutter.*



The Collier Siblings and families - February 04, 2024 at 04:33 PM

CW

“ Cory W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn Anne Rutter.

Cory W. - February 04, 2024 at 12:53 PM

SK

“ Stephanie K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn Anne Rutter.

Stephanie K. - February 03, 2024 at 08:20 PM

TF

“ *The Kollig Family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn Anne Rutter.*

The Kollig Family. - February 03, 2024 at 07:25 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marilyn Anne Rutter.*



February 03, 2024 at 07:25 PM



“ *What would a family trip to MI be without a gathering at the Rutters for playing games, catching up with cousins, great food and playing Tripoli all night. Aunt Marilyn orchestrated it well each time and made sure to have plenty of pie to last all weekend. Can never be duplicated and memories to last a lifetime. You did so much for all and will be missed.*



Scott Ross

Scott Ross - February 03, 2024 at 07:40 AM



“ *Chuck Brandon lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Anne Rutter*



Chuck Brandon - February 02, 2024 at 09:26 PM

TR

“ *Tena R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn Anne Rutter.*

Tena R. - February 02, 2024 at 04:51 PM