



## Marlene Alice Inglis

August 9, 1965 - January 22, 2025

Marlene Alice Inglis, a woman who was full of life and always having fun, died on Wednesday, January 22, 2025. Marlene, 59, of Eaton Rapids was born on August 9, 1965, in Wayne, MI. the daughter of George and Kathleen (Ford) Carpenter. After graduating from Romulus High School Marlene attended Lansing Community College and earned an Associate's Degree in Accounting. She worked as an Accountant for a short time before realizing that she could not stand sitting at a desk. Marlene then became a Professional Truck Driver. On September 6, 2015, after more than a decade together, Marlene married Jodi O'Connell and together the couple created many lasting memories. Marlene loved having fun, and cruising around on her motorcycle until her health forced her to purchase a Harley Trike. She also enjoyed working in her gardens, camping, fishing, and playing dice or euchre with her parents. Above all, her favorite job was being a grandmother. Marlene was her grandchildren's biggest fan, and never missed their activities.

Marlene is survived by her wife, Jodi; children, Scot Carpenter, and Crystal (Robert) Reed; step-children, Mary O'Connell, and Erin (Andrew) Antes; grandchildren, Alaina, Socoria, Spencer, Leland, Olijah, Scot, Rosalee, Ryder, and Kaia; her father, George; siblings, Mary (Ken) Aho, Henry (Donna) Carpenter, Linda Carpenter, and Ron (Candy) Carpenter; and her BFF, Kathy. She was predeceased by her mother, Kathleen; and her brother, Edward Carpenter.

Friends are encouraged to support Marlene's family by sharing memories on her Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). Her family is planning a Celebration of Marlene's Life at a later date. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Michael J. Fox Foundation. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marlene was the rock to my works. She always protected me from man and beast. She only thought of others no matter what the consequences would be to her. She was a great musician and could play and bead instrument and the drums. She will always be in my heart and a part of my souls is now missing. Love you sis.* ”

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**Kay Rogers** - February 02, 2025 at 04:20 PM

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“ *So sorry for your loss. Deepest condolences to you all.* ”

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**Patrick McHugh** - January 27, 2025 at 11:03 AM

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“ *My condolences to the family and friends. Jodi, thank you for sharing this wonderful person with us. We really enjoyed her at the company holiday parties. Bryan Townsend & the Westland Crew!* ”

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**Bryan Townsend** - January 27, 2025 at 10:02 AM

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*Thank you so much, Bryan.*

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**JODI OCONNELL** - June 25, 2025 at 01:40 PM



“ *My heart is breaking for all who loved this wonderful human. Jodi, extra hugs and love to you.* ”

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**Katy Conklin** - January 25, 2025 at 07:45 PM

JO

*I'll take all the hugs I can get! Thanks Katy*

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**Jodi Oconnell** - January 26, 2025 at 07:45 PM

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“ *Marlene had the best sense of humor and was so kind. I remember when I met Marlene at Jodi's when they first started dating. That was it, they found their souls mates, their love for each other knew no bounds. Inspirational and gone too soon.*

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**Shelli Long** - January 25, 2025 at 02:06 PM

JO

*Thanks so much Shelli 💜*

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**Jodi Oconnell** - January 25, 2025 at 06:46 PM

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“ *Marlene was a very hard worker and very good at her job. This is my favorite memory of Marlene. One day while we were working together in the yard (years ago before computers in the switch trucks) Marlene pulled up next to me and asked how many switches I had. I told her and she replied I guess I'm good as long as I have one more switch than you. I jokingly told her GET OUT OF HERE. Rest in peace my friend.*

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**Raymond Bruce Rumsey** - January 24, 2025 at 12:44 PM

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*Thanks so much, I can SO see her saying that. I wonder if anyone will ever switch as fast as her?!*

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**Jodi Oconnell** - January 25, 2025 at 06:48 PM