



## Marilyn L. Sheldon

November 18, 1930 - July 29, 2019

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Orlando, Florida formerly of Kearney

Marilyn L. Sheldon, 88, of Orlando, Florida formerly of Kearney, passed away on Monday, July 29, 2019 at Advent Health Hospice Care in Altamonte Springs, Florida. A Celebration of Life service will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, August 24, 2019 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. Inurnment will be held prior to the services at 9:30 a.m. at Kearney Cemetery. Pastor Roger Wendt will officiate. Family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday, August 23 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home.

Marilyn LaVonne (Miller) Sheldon was born on November 18, 1930 in Gibbon to Ivan and Ethel (Brown) Miller. She received her education from Gibbon High School graduating in 1949. She went on to further her education and graduated nursing school as an LPN in 1965.

Marilyn was united in marriage to Sid Sheldon in 1954 and to this union four children were born: Lynn, Lita, Scott and Lori. This marriage later ended in divorce.

Marilyn worked for Sexton Nursing home, then Dr. McCammond and Staley's medical office as Dr. McCammond's Nurse. When Eaton Corporation opened, she began working as their Nurse, eventually moving onto the assembly line, chrome platers. She retired after 20 years at the age of 64.

In her retirement years, Marilyn enjoyed working as a private caregiver for various people in need. She was also directly involved in her last grandson, Jacob's care during his birth. Marilyn and Jacob developed a special relationship as she would pick him up from school every day through junior high, even though he lived a mere 8 blocks from school.

During the years as her children were growing up, she managed to work full time, care for

4 small children and attend nursing school. She would go to Church nearly every week with all 4 kids in tow and send them to Sunday school first. She started attending New Life Assembly and came to accept Jesus as her Savior and was baptized in 1983. For as long as we can all remember, she read her Bible every night.

In 1989, Marilyn's life changed abruptly as her oldest daughter, Lynn died of Breast Cancer. She would eventually require assisted living in her 80's and subsequently passed away peacefully on Hospice Care at Advent Health Hospice in Altamonte Springs, FL. Her family was surrounding her, worship music playing, she had a picture of her daughter and her Bible.

Marilyn spent her life as a servant to others and demonstrated her love in a quiet way. She had waited 30 years to see her daughter again and spent 20 years telling everyone that Jesus is on his way. We celebrate that she is with both now.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Lita Madison and her husband, Gary of Beatrice, and Lori Reed and her husband, Bill of Orlando, FL; son, Scott Sheldon and his wife, Carol of Kearney; grandchildren, Christine (Corey), Tory, Jennifer (Chad), Matthew (Brandi), Ryan (Andrea), and Jacob; great-grandchildren; Connor, Peyton, Hayden, Jaimie, Marccus, Michael, Lynn, Bo, Eli, Conner, Christian, and Cadence; brother-in-law, Bob Keller of Arizona; sister-in-law, Dorothy Miller of Gibbon; along with many other relatives and friends she considered family.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her daughter, Lynn; parents, Ivan and Ethel Miller; sisters, Dorothy Rayburn and her husband, Keith and Janet Keller and; brother, Don Miller.

Flowers are always appreciated. The family is requesting no gifts or donations as they will be giving a donation privately to Advent Health Hospice Care in Marilyn's name.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Kearney Cemetery** **AUG**

4400 Avenue I

**23**

Kearney, NE, 68847

**Family receiving friends**

05:00PM - 07:00PM

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O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations  
4115 Ave N, Kearney, NE, US, 68847

**AUG**

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**Memorial Service**

10:30AM

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# Comments

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“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Marilyn L. Sheldon.



Yesterday at 11:05 AM

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“ Lita, Scott and Lori, So sorry to hear about your Mom, she was always so nice to me when ever I would go to your house (the big white house on east Hwy. 30) . The best memory I have of your Mom, is when she literally saved my life! I remember it as if it were yesterday, although, I don't remember exactly who I got the hard piece of candy from ( butterscotch disk) but as soon as I put that candy in my mouth, down my throat it went, and I immediately ran into the house seeking your Mom, and thank God she knew what to do to get the disk free from my throat!!! I will never forget that day, and will always be grateful to your Mom for coming to my rescue during that horrifying experience. God Bless You All. Sincerely, Jeannie-Ellingson-Zimniak P.S. I refuse to eat any hard candy to this day! <3

**JEAN ZIMNIAK** - August 17 at 11:52 AM