



# *In Loving Memory Of Marilynn Knauer*

*"The Most Important Thing in the World is Family and Love" – John Wooden*

Marilynn Jean Knauer, 69, of Buffalo peacefully passed away on July 27, 2017, at home after undergoing treatment for her third incidence of cancer. Marilyn was born August 25, 1947 in Jefferson City, MO to Harold N. and Barbara A. (Piper) Wieneke.

Marilynn will always be remembered by her loved ones and those that knew her as the "best mom ever", selfless, always giving of her time and attention, loving, compassionate, kind, supporting, comforting and a dedicated teacher. She loved nature, animals, art, quilting, books, family, friends and God.

Marilynn graduated from high school in Lathrop, MO in 1965. She received a B.S. in Secondary Education (Biology and Math) from Northwest Missouri State College in 1969, and a M.A. in Zoology (Wildlife Conservation) from the University of Missouri in 1974. Marilyn married Dean F. Knauer July 29, 1972 in Columbia, MO.

Marilynn & Dean always lived on National Wildlife Refuges. In 1974 they moved to Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) at Mound City, MO. Next was DeSoto NWR at Missouri Valley, IA in 1976. In 1983 they moved to Malheur NWR at Burns, OR. In 1985 they moved to Upper Souris NWR at Foxholm, ND. She taught or substitute taught during those moves. She loved living on rural wildlife refuges and bringing up two wonderful daughters away from the hustle and bustle of city living.

Marilynn received a B. A. in Art from Minot State University. She liked to work mainly in watercolors, screen printing, and colored pencil. Marilyn and Dean moved to Buffalo in 2006.

Marilynn was an active member of St Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Buffalo. She enjoyed studying the bible and enriching her knowledge and faith. She was a member of the Buffalo Quilting Gals and loved to attend the Loose Threads group.

Marilynn was preceded in death by her parents and stepmother LaVeda Mae (Blacksmith) Wieneke. She is survived by her husband, Dean and their children, Kristy (Deryk) Riveland of Golden, CO and Lisa Knauer of Golden, CO, and grandchildren, Kyra and Fynnegan Riveland and sisters, Elizabeth Spurgeon of Lathrop, MO, Beverly (Claud) Fleener of McKinney, TX and Barbara Wieneke of Limerick, PA.



*August 25, 1947 - July 27, 2017*

Hold fast to your memories, to all of the cherished moments of the past, to the blessings and the laughter, the joys and the celebrations, the sorrow and the tears.

They all add up to a treasure of fond yesterdays that you shared and spent together, and they keep the one you loved close to you in spirit and thought.

The special moments and memories in your life will never change.

They will always be in your heart, today and forevermore.

Linda E. Knight

Our loved ones remain with us. They do not just go off to some dark and distant place.

They simply continue into eternal life.

We do not see them because we are still in the darkness of their world. But their spiritual eyes, filled with the light of heaven, are always watching us as they wait for the day when we will share their perfect joy.

Robert Kirven

Happiness is a voyage, not a destination.  
There is no better time to be happy than... NOW!

Live and enjoy the moment.

Author Unknown

Let us remember: one book, one pen,  
one child and one teacher can change the world.

Malala Yousafzai

What lies behind you and what lies in front  
of you, pales in comparison to what lies inside of you.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

One act of kindness, no matter how small, is never wasted.

Aesop

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# Marilynn Jean Knauer

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Friday, August 25, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.  
St Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church

## OFFICIATING

Pastor John Orwig

## MUSIC

Led by the Master's Hand (Solo)  
This is my Father's World, Pass It On,  
Make Me a Servant, Soon and Very Soon

## MUSIC BY

Organist ~ Julie Silbernagel  
Soloist ~ Cindy Zeiser

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Grandchildren ~ Kyra & Fynnegan Riveland

*Reception with lunch will follow, please meet downstairs.*

Memorials to Honor Marilynn: Marilynn would have wanted you to instill in a child the love of nature and animals and/or teach them a skill or a craft and appreciation for the arts.

*Or you can support the following organizations:*

*ELCA – Good Gifts - Animals*

*<https://community.elca.org/elca-good-gifts/animals>*

*National Wildlife Federation*

*<http://www.nwf.org/What-We-Do/Kids-and-Nature.aspx>*

*<https://www.nwf.org/How-to-Help/More-Ways-to-Give/Memorial-gifts.aspx>*

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*<http://4-h.org/get-involved/donate/national/>*

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