



LouElla Spahn Martin

July 17, 1953 - December 27, 2020

LouElla Spahn Martin of Athens passed peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer on December 27th, 2020. Visitation will be on Saturday, January 2nd, 2021 at 12 pm -2 pm at Friendship United Methodist Church. The service will be at 2:00 pm with Pastor Tony Johnson officiating.

She was born in Amityville, NY on July 17, 1953 to Edward Vincent Spahn and Marie Carol Spahn Kelsey. She treasured her family and embraced every moment with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was affectionately known as Nana by many. She was an active member at Friendship United Methodist Church of Athens for the past 18 years. With a servant's heart, she volunteered in Hebrew's Café at Friendship and enjoyed chatting with fellow members over a hot cup of coffee. One of her favorite hobbies was to crochet. She crocheted many blankets for newborns in the NICU as well as gifts for others. LouElla and her husband, Gary, shared a passion for camping and belonged to a camping group where they traveled often.

LouElla was preceded in death by her husband, Gary Wade Martin. She is survived by three sisters Carol Spahn, Sharon Johnson, Trish (Lewis) Heide and one brother Roger Spahn; 3 children Melissa (Jason) Jackson, Adam (Alison) Haines, Katie (Darryl) Rankins; three step children Lance (Nicole) Martin, Tiffany (Dustin) Wilbourn, Chad (Morgan) Martin; ten

grandchildren Blake (Karlee) Morse, Dylan (Matthew) Morse, Rob (Crystal) Morse, Reagan Rankins, Camden Rankins, Cooper Croix Haines, Dawson Wilbourn, Dax Wilbourn, Paislee Martin, Wydner Martin; three great grandchildren Christian Morse, Aurora Morse and Julia Morse; and several nieces and nephews whom she loved deeply.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ *LouElla Spahn Martin*

Jean Hill - September 28, 2021 at 10:13 AM

VA

“ *Reminding those whom you support that your thoughts are with them.*

Valley Psychiatric Associates - December 31, 2020 at 02:14 PM

DW

“ *The last camping trip Gary and LouElla made was in March at Roaring Pines Campground with their Cotton Patch Sams Family. We loved seeing them and their beautiful smiles. Our hearts are heavy and our thoughts and prayers go out to this sweet family.. Heaven now has two sweet angels, together once more.*

denise waggoner - December 30, 2020 at 11:43 AM

JH

“ *I'll never forget the time, we were making potato salad. Almost done, putting the paprika on it. Well Melissa screamed and it fell upside down on the floor! The scream was because my husband and brother fell out of the small fishing boat! Boots, coats and all! After that we picked it up scraped off the top layer and redid the paprika!!! We always laughed about that to ourselves! We never told anyone! And , no we didn't eat any!! Even though the floor was very clean....I will love you forever Louella!! Love Jean*

Jean Hill - December 30, 2020 at 10:28 AM

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“ I remember in 4th grade LouElla and I made grass skirts out of newspapers we colored green and cut into slits and performed a hula dance for our class. She loved dancing her whole life and is now dancing with Gary once again. Love her!

Leslie Arnold - December 30, 2020 at 09:38 AM

MK

“ A sweet lady, gone much too soon. Marysia Kleynen

Marysia Kleynen - December 29, 2020 at 06:10 PM