



## Marlene Marie McMillen

January 6, 1934 - June 9, 2023

Marlene Marie McMillen, age 89, of Athens, Alabama, originally from Virginia, passed away on Friday June 9th, 2023, at her residence. She was born on January 6th, 1934, in Detroit, Michigan to Theodore William Grunst and Sally Petsch Grunst.

Marlene is survived by several nieces and nephews, a special friend and caregiver Pam Davis and many special friends.

Marlene is preceded by her parents, four sisters, Doris June, Joyous, Eunice and Darlene as well as two brothers Jay Lee and Ted "Buddy".

Marlene was an extraordinary, classy lady. Always happiest when giving and sharing with her friends.

She lived a full life, working all over the United States, moving to Alabama in 2016 from Virginia, where she met numerous friends. She took care of her sister, Darlene, until her death in 2018.

One of the greatest loves of her life was her animals, most of which were rescues. Charlie, her loving Westie, was always by her side until he passed away. After the passing of her sister Darlene, Marlene became very lonely. At this time, she opened her heart and her home to another precious rescue, a

Chihuahua she named Angel. Angel came to live with Marlene on Darlene's birthday, making this event even more significant and special. Angel and Marlene were like two peas in a pod, inseparable, and loving each other dearly.

She had a passion for fresh cut flowers, which special nieces and loving friends made sure she had at all times.

A special thanks to her caregivers, whom in a short period of time won her heart and theirs. Thanks to Hospice of Limestone County for all your time and help. Just to mention a few; Tracy, Jennifer, bath ladies, Chaplin and music ministry. It couldn't have been possible without you and your kind hearts.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Limestone County 405 S Marion Street Athens Alabama 35611 or to your favorite animal rescue.

# Tribute Wall



“ I'll never forget the time that Howard and I took her to a drive through zoo. An ostrich came up to the window and started pecking at Marlene because she had the food in her hand to feed them! What a hoot. We were all screaming with laughter. I will also remember that when I told Marlene that I loved her she'd ALWAYS say, "I love you more." What a sweet woman. She will be missed.

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**Arla Albers** - June 20, 2023 at 04:21 PM

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“ Dorothy Karhnak lit a candle in memory of Marlene McMillen



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**Dorothy Karhnak** - June 18, 2023 at 02:33 PM

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“ John and I first met Marlene when she and her sister Darlene were walking their dog, Charlie. Over the years we bonded over dogs, love of corned beef and hugs! In the winter I walked Charlie and John did odds and ends for Marlene. She was always so appreciative of any kindness we showed. Marlene was a woman of immense faith. She was so glad to receive another dog after both Charlie and Darlene passed that she named her Angel. Marlene was most fortunate to find some wonderful friends and support when she moved to Alabama. She always said how blessed she was to have the found these people.. Thank you to all who befriended Marlene in Ala. I will always remember one saying she shared: God doesn't always give us what we want but He always gives us what we need. I thank God for a friend like Marlene.

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**Dorothy Karhnak** - June 18, 2023 at 02:31 PM



“ Pam Davis lit a candle in memory of Marlene McMillen



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**Pam Davis** - June 12, 2023 at 11:24 PM