



Marilyn Ann Roland

June 12, 1936 - March 29, 2023

Marilyn Ann Roland passed away March 29 in Corvallis, OR. Her Celebration of Life will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Corvallis at 1:00 PM on May 20, 2023.

Marilyn Ann (Almgren) Roland was born June 12, 1936 in Monroe, WA to John and Elinor Almgren. She grew up in Sultan, WA and moved to Everett, WA where she graduated from Everett High School. During her senior year, she worked at the Everett Herald newspaper and became the Society Editor after graduation.

She attended Western Washington State College, studying elementary education and graduated magna cum laude in 1958. She taught elementary school in Mount Vernon, WA and Oxnard, CA before moving to Corvallis in 1963 where she taught third grade until her retirement in 1994. While she was teaching, she also owned and operated La Femme, a lingerie boutique, in the Cannery Mall and earned her Masters in Education from OSU.

Marilyn enjoyed playing bridge, reading, ballroom and line dancing, and playing tennis. She was active in AAUW and belonged to several book groups. She was very active in the community and in 1977 was nominated for the First Citizen of Corvallis Award.

In addition to all her activities, she loved to travel both around the world and throughout the United States. In retirement, she spent her winters in Indio, CA, where she spent many seasons as a volunteer usher for the Indian Wells Tennis Tournament.

She was known for her smile and positive attitude. She was loved and remembered by many of her former students that she would encounter many years after they graduated. Marilyn is preceded in death by her son, Brooke Siebler, and survived by her niece and nephew, Pam and Scotty Almgren, her son, Lance Siebler and his wife Nan, granddaughters, Joanna Siebler and Stevie Siebler, and husband, Leon Roland.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be given to The First United Methodist Church in Corvallis or to the Corvallis Public Schools Foundation, designated for Educational Access.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 20. 1:00 PM (PT)

First United Methodist Church
1165 NW Monroe Ave
Corvallis, OR

Tribute Wall

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“ I have fond memories of Marilyn on the tennis courts @ RCB, Indio, CA. She was a great player and always a good, fair sport. No matter what she was doing, exercising, playing tennis, or dressed up for a dance, she always looked classy and beautiful. It was a joy to be in her company and I miss her.

Darleen Ward - May 02, 2023 at 01:51 PM

JG

“ Thank you for your friendship over the years, as a family friend, as my Grandma's friend, and as the wife of my dear friend Scott's father, Leon. Thank you for your years of service to the community and to the children of Corvallis. You will be missed by so many. Hoping you and my Grandma are sharing stories and reliving memories of the good days! Rest easy my friend, and may your legacy live on in all those lives you taught and touched over the years.... Thinking of your family, friends, and husband. Sharing a few memories worth remembering...

Thoughts, prayers, and condolences to all who loved and knew Marilyn, and especially thinking of you Leon. May you find comfort in the memories...

~Jennifer & Shane Grim



Jennifer Grim - May 01, 2023 at 08:05 PM

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I was one of Mrs. Siebler's third graders at Mountain View Elementary School in Corvallis. I also was a member of First United Methodist as a young person (and my parents long after) which meant that I knew that she kept track of me long after that year as I dropped in during family visits. She was a creative teacher that gave us challenges beyond the usual grade-level material; I know that kept me working to the best of my ability. I remember being Kristan Corn along with Ron W.'s Mr. Potato as narrators of a presentation about vegetables that every member of the class shared, extra spelling words (including photosynthesis), a posture contest that my best friend Kathy N. won (though I wished I had) and books read to us after lunch (James and the Giant Peach among them). That these things pop to mind at age 67 says something about how engaging her class was. She also was the most glamorous teacher I think I've had - with stylish clothes and wearing make-up. I was a bit in awe of her at the time, and since. Others in the class (Grant T.) who remained in Corvallis over the years invited her to one our high school reunion picnics (30 years?) and it was good to see her and share our appreciation for her teaching. I think we're part of her legacy and I know she was proud of that, as she deserved to be.

(Rev.) Kristan Burkert (her student in 1964-65)

Kristan M. Burkert - May 08, 2023 at 01:31 PM