



Marilyn Donna (Riffle) Arose

March 20, 1930 - March 3, 2021

Marilyn Donna Riffle Arose, 90, being conformed to the likeness of Christ has completed her journey to perfection and joined her Lord and Savior in eternal rest on Wednesday, March 3, 2021.

Mom was born in Morgantown, WV on March 20, 1930, the second daughter of the late Harry B. and Georgia Hiawatha Riffle. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Sam, and sister and brother-in-law, Marjorie and Bob Gower.

Marilyn grew up in the Village of New Geneva, Pennsylvania and attended Indiana State College in Indiana, PA. It was after transferring to West Virginia University to become a dietician that she met the love of her life, Sam Arose. They married on September 12, 1953 and enjoyed 53 years of marriage. They raised 5 children beginning in Philadelphia, PA in 1953, moving to Charleston, WV in 1956, and finally to St. Albans, WV in 1964. Graduating from WVU in 1952 with a Home Economics degree she became a registered dietician and worked for Thomas Memorial and Charleston Area Medical Center hospitals. She retired in 1988 from the Charleston Area Medical Center dietetics department. She was an active member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church and looked forward to the meals following Mass with her friends at Tim Horton's or The Rio Grande restaurants. Mom loved playing the piano and enjoyed duets with Dad accompanying her on the clarinet. She was always up

for a game of cards and was a skilled bridge player who belonged to several bridge groups. She was an avid WVU sports fan and enjoyed the cinema, visiting the racetrack, and scratch offs. She must have always won because you never heard when she lost. She was a great cook and baker and loved to entertain during the holidays. Her recipes will live on through her children.

Marilyn is survived by five children, Sam and wife, Jill; John and wife, Libby; Harry and wife, Vicki; Kim Keiffer and husband, Denny; and Pat and wife, Cynthia; ten grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Marilyn is also survived by one sister and brother-in-law, Maureen and John Doerfler, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in St. Albans, WV on Tuesday, March 9th at 11:00, with Celebrant Patrick M. McDonough officiating. Visitation will be 1 hour prior to Mass. Entombment will be in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans, WV.

The family requests face masks and social distancing be respected during the services. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Macular Degeneration Foundation, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, or your favorite charity.

You may visit Marilyn's tribute page at BartlettNicholsFuneralHome.com to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Arose family.

Cemetery Details

Cunningham Memorial Park, Lower Mausoleum Chapel

815 Cunningham Lane
St. Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4349

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
525 Holley Street
St. Albans, WV 25177

Funeral Service

MAR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
525 Holley Street
St. Albans, WV 25177

Tribute Wall

RA

“ *Beautiful lady. Enjoyed our yearly phone conversations.
Ralph Allison, CPA*

RALPH ALLISON - March 25, 2021 at 06:14 PM



“ *A fun time with Marilyn, March 2018*



Marsha Lilly - March 09, 2021 at 10:53 PM



“ *I am so sorry that my wonderful friend of over 50 years is gone. What an awesome mentor and teacher Marilyn was to me, so caring and kind. Her love of family was part of her beauty, she talked always of her Sam and the children, so proud of each of them and their many accomplishments. I feel blessed to have had such a precious friend. You earned those Angel wings, sweet Marilyn! Hugs and sympathy to Sam, Johnny, Kim, Harry, Pat, spouses and children.*

Marsha Lilly - March 09, 2021 at 10:14 PM

CG

“ So very sorry for the passing of your wonderful mom! She's so special and well loved. Many fond memories. Thanks for sharing the photos! Just adored her. May your many wonderful memories comfort you as you honor her life well lived, and new life in Christ. Hugs and prayers!

Cathy Jones Graceson - March 08, 2021 at 06:02 PM

MR

“ What a beautiful, full life she lived. I am sorry for your loss. Keeping you in prayer.
Maria Monty Ray

Maria M Ray - March 08, 2021 at 11:55 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marilyn Donna (Riffle) Arose.



March 08, 2021 at 08:22 AM

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Pat Arose - March 07, 2021 at 05:58 PM

KM

“ Please know we love you and all of you are in our thoughts and prayers! Mal and Kathy

Kathy Martin - March 07, 2021 at 03:53 PM

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John Arose - March 07, 2021 at 12:00 PM

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John Arose - March 07, 2021 at 11:56 AM

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John Arose - March 07, 2021 at 11:55 AM

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John Arose - March 07, 2021 at 11:47 AM

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Pat Arose - March 07, 2021 at 09:25 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marilyn Donna (Riffle) Arose.



March 07, 2021 at 08:30 AM

JB

“ John & Wendy Bigalbal purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Marilyn Donna (Riffle) Arose.



John & Wendy Bigalbal - March 06, 2021 at 01:03 PM

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Pat Arose - March 06, 2021 at 10:12 AM



“ Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of Marilyn Donna (Riffle) Arose.



March 05, 2021 at 04:17 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marilyn Donna (Riffle) Arose.



March 05, 2021 at 02:27 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marilyn Donna (Riffle) Arose.



March 05, 2021 at 01:03 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marilyn Donna (Riffle) Arose.*



March 05, 2021 at 11:15 AM



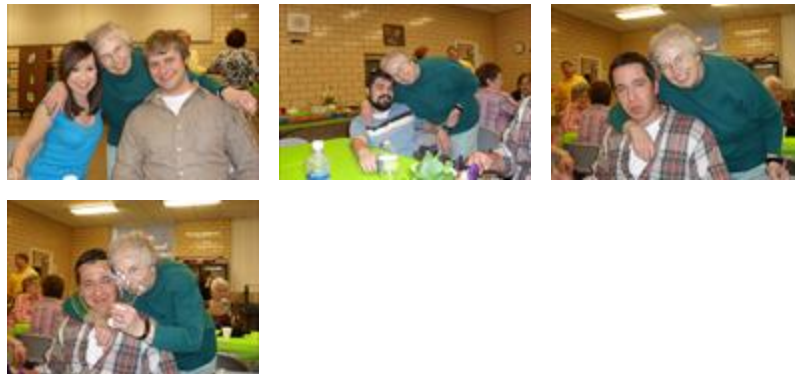
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Nick Arose - March 04, 2021 at 10:32 PM



“ *4 files added to the album Memories Album*



Nick Arose - March 04, 2021 at 10:31 PM

KR

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Krystal - March 04, 2021 at 09:17 PM

ND

“ I have so many memories of all the Arose family. Kim's been my dear friend for life. I'm heartbroken, but I know she and Papa Arose are up in Heaven making up for lost time. They've been waiting on each other for a while now 💔 She has missed him terribly.💔💔 I'll miss my Bible Study buddy🙏 love you Mama Arose🥺 Nita

Nita Dunlap - March 04, 2021 at 08:23 PM

TF

“ the AES and AES Indiana family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Marilyn Donna (Riffle) Arose.



the AES and AES Indiana family - March 04, 2021 at 08:11 PM

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John Arose - March 04, 2021 at 07:50 PM

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