



## Margaret Ann Marlar

March 2, 1942 - December 30, 2023

Margaret Ann Marlar, age 81, of Ozark, Arkansas, passed away early, Saturday, December 30, 2023 at Greenhurst Nursing Center in Charleston, Arkansas. She was born on a snowy day, March 2, 1942 in her home in Little Rock, Arkansas to Paul and Josephine Zimmerebner. She later met and married William Marlar on November 17, 1961 and together, had one daughter, Christy Marlar Umholtz. Margaret was never one to sit still. Over the years she enjoyed belly dancing, two-stepping, bluegrass festivals, traveling, sewing, bingo, baking, painting, and shopping. She loved her family fiercely, and was especially proud to be a Nana. She was generous, beautiful, strong, and stubborn. Margaret was a member of Beta Sigma Phi and the First Church of Ozark, where she was very involved.

Margaret is preceded in death by her parents; her husband who passed in 2004, William Marlar; two sisters, Catherine Worsham and Dorothy Moore; and two brothers, Paul Zimmerebner and John Michael Zimmerebner.

Margaret is survived by her daughter, Christy Umholtz and husband Clay of Ozark; her granddaughter, Alexis Powers and husband Isaiah of Ozark; two sisters, Mary Smith and husband Jerry of Weston, Texas and Barbara Underwood and husband Joe of Wilburn, Arkansas; numerous nieces and nephews; and countless friends.

A private graveside memorial will be held at Morgan Hill Cemetery, January 6, 2024. Cremation arrangements were made under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

If you would like to leave an expression of sympathy, memorial donations can be made to Arkansas Children's Hospital P.O. Box 2222 Little Rock, Arkansas 72203 and/or [archildrens.org/donate](http://archildrens.org/donate). This was a charity near and dear to her heart.

To leave an online memorial visit [www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com](http://www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com)

## Cemetery Details

### **Morgan Hill Cemetery**

Hwy 96  
Ozark, AR

## Previous Events

### **Private Graveside Memorial**

JAN 6 (CT)

Morgan Hill Cemetery  
Hwy 96  
Ozark, AR

# Tribute Wall

LC

“ So sad to learn that Mrs Marler has passed. She was such a kind lady that I'm sure is greatly missed. ❤️

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**Lindee Colburn** - November 12, 2024 at 02:48 PM

CB

“ Dear Margaret,  
I miss you.  
I miss the way your face lit up with a big smile when we would see each other.  
I miss your enormous thoughtfulness.  
I miss the way you were always there when I needed you and sometimes before I knew I needed you.  
I miss your quiet kindness.  
I miss seeing you zip around in your little orange car.  
I miss your shining example of how to be a caring, loving and supportive friend, but I will never forget you.  
I miss you.  
Charlotte and Arlene

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**Charlotte Bright** - February 24, 2024 at 10:56 AM

“ In October 1973 I met Margaret Ann Marlar. Gary Lynn had been transferred to Ozark and we were looking for a home to buy. Bill Marlar had been transferred from Ozark back to Little Rock and had a home to sell.

November 3 when we opened the front door to our new home the gold shag carpet was immaculate without a footprint anywhere. The first of 7 houses we had lived in, that was in that nice condition!!!

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I stopped by to see Margaret at Greenhurst, I want to believe that she knew me and wanted to communicate like old times.....sewing and shopping ideas and how we missed Green Stamps!!

There was ONE Margaret and there will never be another like her!!

I have missed you my friend and Christmas isn't the same without

*“Margaret’s Divinity”  
Fly High Dear Friend*

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*By Judy Kuykendall*

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**Judy Kuykendall** - January 11, 2024 at 01:08 PM

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**Judy Kuykendall** - January 10, 2024 at 12:24 PM

GM

*“ . But, Margaret Marlar was much aunt by marriage to my uncle Bobo. She was the sweetest person I have ever know or ever will. She would sew for Christy, and also buy enough to make my daughter outfits. She taught me things that my mom should have taught me. Aunt Blondie, as we called her, even bought Easter outfits for me and my siblings during our lives. She worked very hard all the time, and was a GREAT servant to our Lord, by helping those less fortunate. Heaven has gained an angel and we have lost our angel. I have not seen aunt Blondie in years, but I will never forget her. RIP aunt Blondie, I hope to see you again.*

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**Gayle McCoy** - January 04, 2024 at 11:25 AM

SJ

“ Margaret Marlar and her family moved next door to us when her daughter Christy was four and our daughter Tara was two. We became best friends as did Roger and William and our daughters. Margaret went to work at Cargill where Roger was the accountant. I started keeping Christy every day since I wasn't working at that time. Our families did everything together. Margaret was fun to shop with because we both liked to look at everything no matter what we were shopping for. Our little girls were sort of like sisters because they were both an only child. She was so good at sewing and crafting, kept a spotless house, and was an excellent cook. Roger was not good at doing jobs around the house so he always managed to get Bill to come “help” him which meant Bill did most of the work. They played golf together a lot. Our group of neighbors held garage sales usually at Margaret's. We always had cabbage patch stew, cornbread, homemade pimento cheese and dessert. Margaret insisted we store anything for the next sale in her attic. I don't know how it held it all. When we moved to Fayetteville we remained friends and I knew that Margaret would welcome me even if I just dropped in on my way to my mom's. I treasured her friendship and I will never forget her. Rest in peace, special friend, and say hello to our husbands in heaven.

Your friend, Sharon James



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Sharon James - January 02, 2024 at 09:22 PM

EB

“ Margaret was like a second mother to me for many years. She always made me feel welcome in her home. I remember how she loved her soap operas and sewing. May she rest in peace along with Bill.



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Ellen Bordman - January 02, 2024 at 09:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Margaret Ann Marlar.*



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January 02, 2024 at 05:59 PM



“ *Jim Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Margaret Marlar*



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**Jim Gilbert** - January 02, 2024 at 05:07 PM



“ *Margaret and I met at church in 2013. We almost immediately became friends. We spent many days and evenings together doing puzzles, shopping, working at church and visiting. She was a friend to me and my mother. Margaret was very talented. She made things for my grands and helped with anything she could. She was generous and kind. I have missed her so much at church. Loved her Amish bread! But most important she was one of God's children. I will always love her. Love Norma Sawrie*

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**Norma Jean Sawrie** - January 02, 2024 at 04:50 PM

GM

*This is my aunt by marriage, but she actually treated me more like a daughter. She taught me things my own mom did not. I called her aunt Blondie, which is another story. But, she was an angel on earth. I never heard her say a bad word about anybody or anything. She helped me get my first job.*

*I remember she bought me and my siblings Easter outfits once, but it was probably many times.*

*Anytime she would sew and make Christy clothes, she would make my daughter, Laurie an outfit.*

*I longer I lived, the more I realized how special she was and how she helped many people. She was DEFINITELY beautiful, inside and out. RIP Aunt Blondie, I love you. Your grateful niece, Gayle McCoy.*

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**Gayle McCoy** - January 02, 2024 at 07:13 PM

BG

“ Prayers and comfort for the family. Mrs. Margaret was such a beautiful soul. Se will be greatly missed. Rest in heaven with Bill. What a wonderful reunion it will be.



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**Buzy Bee Flowers And Gifts** - January 02, 2024 at 09:38 AM

JB

“ Janet Barnes lit a candle in memory of Margaret Marlar



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**Janet Cloos Barnes** - January 01, 2024 at 09:59 PM