



Marilynn C. Gietzen

December 29, 1944 - June 18, 2020

Marilynn Gietzen passed away peacefully surrounded by family on June 17th

Loving wife of Richard Hore

Dear mother of Elizabeth (Valentino) Fischione, Jennifer (Eric) Herman and Ericka (Todd) Nicol

Loving step-mother to Richard (Meghan) Morris and Kriste Brown

Proud grandmother of Angelina and Luke Fischione, Noah and Emma Herman,
Benjamin, Megan, Aidan Nicol, Cheyenne Morris, Kai Yuponco and Genevieve Church.

Dearest sister of the late Gregory (Shelly) Zmich, John (Holly) Zmich and Paulette Keating. Beloved aunt to many nieces and nephews

Marilynn Carol Zmich was born on December 29, 1944 as one of 4 children born to Boniface and Henrietta Zmich. She spent her young years on Brimson in Detroit, Michigan. In early adulthood she married Richard Gietzen and began the journey to create a family. The two did just that and had three daughters.

Marilynn went on to raise her three daughters while working during the day and teaching dance classes in the evening. Each year she showed off all her students' hard work by putting on a recital at St. Juliana. When she hung up her dance teaching shoes, she put herself through school at the same time as her daughters and gained her bachelors degree in business. Earning Summa Cum Laude while working full time for General Motors meant her daughters had no excuses for not trying their best. She later retired from GM where she worked as an account executive for decades.

Marilynn loved to attend functions with the close knit family with whom she grew up. She was an exceptional dancer, so any time she attended a wedding or an event with dancing she was delighted. She loved her family very much and they were her lifelong friends.

Twenty three years ago she married her long time beau Richard Hore, and they moved to Shelby Township. They recreated their home top-to-bottom from the images she saw in her mind to the beautiful place it is today. She loved to travel, and she and Richard went on many adventures, each carefully documented in its own album.

Marilynn loved being a grandma, and each year she transformed her home to a Christmas wonderland much to the delight of her grandchildren and family on Christmas Eve. Throughout her adulthood, her daughters always knew about the extra stash of just-in-case presents for any unexpected Christmas guests. She not only made every guest feel welcome with her infectious smile and wonderful greeting, but they'd also receive a gift as if she always knew they'd be there.

Marilynn loved many other activities such as creating flower arrangements, listening to music on full blast, feeding her backyard squirrels, attending St.

Lawrence where she felt inspired by the music and many more. She loved to go to estate sales to find treasures and enjoyed doing this with her sister, Paulette. She loved it so much she ended up creating an eBay store to sell these finds. For 75 years she was always in motion and working on some project, but her greatest passion and her favorite place where she spent many hours was in her gorgeous garden. It was her peace.

Marilynn was known to be strong, compassionate, independent, hardworking, dependable and kind. She always had a welcoming smile and a listening ear. She set people at ease and let them know they held value in this world. Her presence marked many and her absence will be felt by us all.

A celebration of her life will take place Thursday with a Memorial Mass at St. Lawrence Catholic Church at 10:00am

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

JUN **25**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
44633 Utica Rd
Utica, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Marilynn C. Gietzen*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Marilynn C. Gietzen*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marilyn C. Gietzen.*



June 24, 2020 at 10:00 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Marilyn C. Gietzen.*



June 24, 2020 at 01:35 PM

RG

“ Rachel H, Rebecca G, Ruth J, and Bea G. purchased the Heavenly and Harmony for the family of Marilyn C. Gietzen.



Rachel H, Rebecca G, Ruth J, and Bea G. - June 23, 2020 at 11:43 AM

SA

“ She was always a friendly neighbor who encouraged all the children to go to school and do their best. What a nice family.
Stephen Anderson

Stephen Anderson - June 23, 2020 at 11:31 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Marilyn C. Gietzen.



June 23, 2020 at 11:16 AM

SF

“ Shelley Zmich and family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Marilyn C. Gietzen.



Shelley Zmich and family - June 23, 2020 at 11:14 AM

RB

“ *Richard B. purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Marilyn C. Gietzen.*



Richard B. - June 23, 2020 at 10:49 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marilyn C. Gietzen.*



June 23, 2020 at 10:37 AM

JM

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Janice Meredith

10 hours ago

Marilynn was a great neighbor who soon became a friend. We would go to breakfast every few months, maybe hit an estate sale or attend ladies night at Bordines, English Gardens and/or Weigands at Christmas time. She taught me so much about gardening and flowers. Always so delightful to be around. As neighbors, she and Richard would share a cocktail with us and we looked out for each other's home if either of us were away. Her love of family was very evident in the way she always spoke of her three daughters and her grandchildren, as well as her siblings! She is already missed by me and Gene. Our sincere condolences and prayers to Richard and Lisa, Jennifer, Ericka, the grandchildren and her family. May the Lord wrap his hands around you all and bring you comfort and peace. Gene & Janice Meredith



Janice Meredith - June 23, 2020 at 09:37 AM

JM

This photo was taken 9/19/09 at our daughter's wedding in Petoskey, MI.

Janice Meredith - June 23, 2020 at 09:39 AM

PC

“ *Lisa: I know it has been a while since I saw your mom, but I have vivid memories of her always being so welcoming. I remember you inviting us to her house one Christmas and thought I had walked into Bronner's! Sending hugs to you and your sisters! Paul*

Paul G Chrustowski - June 23, 2020 at 09:06 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Marilyn C. Gietzen.*



June 23, 2020 at 09:00 AM



“ *I was very disheartened to hear this news. Ericka, Lisa, Jennifer and Richard - ,y thoughts are with you. Although I haven't been around Michigan in quite some time, I will always remember how kind Marilyn was to me. When joining the Zmich family, she always made me feel welcomed and that I belonged there. Every holiday we spent in her home were always perfect. I could never get used to the herring :) but the feeling and Christmas spirit were always present. You will be missed - Jay*

Jason Macartney - June 23, 2020 at 05:41 AM



“ *Marilynn was more than a sister-in-law to me, she was my friend. Always kind, always loving - her beautiful smile and great laugh will stay with me forever. Although a border separated us and the distance meant we couldn't visit as often as we would have liked, we always reconnected instantly and could confide in each other for hours. I loved her like a sister and will miss her terribly. Rest In peace dear Marilyn*

Dianne & Ken Brown ❤️

Dianne Brown - June 22, 2020 at 11:42 PM

JM

“ *Janice Meredith lit a candle in memory of Marilyn C. Gietzen*



Janice Meredith - June 22, 2020 at 11:36 PM

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Janice Meredith - June 22, 2020 at 11:55 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marilyn C. Gietzen.*



June 22, 2020 at 09:28 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marilyn C. Gietzen.*



June 22, 2020 at 03:30 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marilyn C. Gietzen.*



June 22, 2020 at 01:52 PM



“ *My dearest sister-in law was more of a sister to me. That beautiful smile and dancing eyes had behind them a even more beautiful soul. Thank you Marilyn for accepting ma as part of your family* ❤️❤️



Shelley Zmich - June 20, 2020 at 09:42 AM

JZ

“ A loving sister who was tasked with pre- washing my filthy legs prior to bathing.

On our way to school, I would sometimes sit down on the ground and refuse to walk, she would beg, cajole and threaten me, and course, she never wanted to be late.

As luck would have it, she also had to tutor me and of course, it was easier for me to let her finish my assignment and play the idiot...

I can't even count the times that she didn't give the notes and reports to my parents from the nuns on my behavior, the "Possessed One" as they liked to call me.

She was a sister, counselor and true friend and always a source of inspiration to me.

I will miss her dearly..

Love,

John

john zmich - June 19, 2020 at 08:56 PM

CC

“ Marilyn's sister Paulette and I have been friends since we were in second grade. She is the sister I never had. Marilyn was the older sister I never had. I will remember her most as a fun filled loving person. I remember her dancing around the living room in the family home in Detroit on Brimson St. Doing line dances to Rockin Robin. Getting ready for dates. Then getting married and bring home those beautiful babies. Watching everyone get older together. The Zmich's were a family I truly admired and never wanted to leave and go home. But then the street light went on so I had to leave. Life goes by so quickly.

Cherish every moment with loved ones.

My heart breaks for the loss of Marilyn. 💔😭

Christine Cassisi - June 19, 2020 at 06:34 PM