



Marsha Jean (Reynolds) Richards

September 13, 1942 - February 11, 2023

Marsha Jean (Reynolds) Richards, 80, of Indianapolis, passed away February 11, 2023. Marsha passed away peacefully in her home in the arms of her husband, Robert Richards, surrounded by dear friends and her blessed dog, Puppy and Cat, Apollo. Marsha was born September 13, 1942 in Elkhart, Indiana to the late Raymond H. and Marjorie L. (Kammerling) Reynolds. Marsha was a graduate of Arsenal Technical High School, class of 1960. After high school, she attended Indiana University. Marsha was very involved in clubs and activities in high school. Marsha was vice president of her class, a member of the choir including an all-female ensemble that sang around Indianapolis popular venues and even homecoming queen. It was at Arsenal Tech that Marsha met the love of her life, Robert E. Richards. Robert and Marsha were married on January 20, 1962. Robert and Marsha never had any children of their own. However, they had a huge love for animals and had several four-legged fur babies. Marsha loved all animals and was a huge contributor to the local Indianapolis Humane Society throughout her life. Marsha would always say, "there's no such thing as bad animals, only bad people." Every night before bed Marsha would say a prayer for all the animals that were outside and in need of a home. Marsha worked as an executive secretary her entire adult life. Most notably, she was an executive secretary for the Capital Improvement Board and Indiana Convention Center for over 26 years. Marsha made several lifelong friends while working for the Convention Center. Her friends often described

her as the grandmother from tweedy bird, as Marsha would have her hair up in a bun, wore glasses, and always wore a blouse with a skirt to work. Her close friends described her as a hard worker who always had a smile and a true blessing to all of those around her.

Marsha is survived by her loving husband of 61 years, Robert E. Richards. Her sister, Marylin (Kent Babcock) Reynolds; her nephews, Seth D. (Roberta) Rubin and Jeremiah S. Burns; her great-nephews, August Haywood and Waverly John Francis; beloved cousins; and several cherished close friends. Visitation will be Tuesday, February 14, 2023 from 12 noon until 12:30 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel, 5377 East Washington Street. Interment will follow at 1:00 p.m. at Crown Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Humane Society of Indianapolis, 7929 North Michigan Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

700 W. 38th St.
Indianapolis, IN 46208

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 14. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel
5377 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46219
(317) 357-1181
info@shirleybrothers.com
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

Graveside Service

FEB 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

Crown Hill Cemetery
700 W. 38th St.
Indianapolis, IN 46208

Tribute Wall

KI

“ With deepest sympathy to "Rob", the love of Marsha's life, and to all those who grieve and miss her. I met Marsha at work, CIB, and have known her for 25 years. She was an example to all of a loyal, dedicated, efficient worker. A thoughtful, generous, kind (beyond measure), encouraging friend. Rich in faith. I am thankful to have known her and will miss her.

Karen Isenhardt

Karen Isenhardt - February 18, 2023 at 01:30 PM

BP

Marsha was a trusted friend and assistant to my Father, Dean Phillips, Executive Director of the Capital Improvements Board. Dad cherished being able to work with her. One of the most kind and trustworthy people ever. A true confidant and a person who loved everyone. She truly went home to be with Jesus. -Bret Phillips

Bret Phillips - March 19, 2024 at 12:57 AM

CF

“ Condolences to Marsha's loving husband Rob and family. Working with Marsha at the CIB she was always dedicated and a joy. She was a great lunch friend and lot of fun. May she rest in piece in the Lord's arms. She will be missed.

Carolyn Ford

Carolyn Ford - February 17, 2023 at 11:57 AM

TP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Teri Perkins - February 15, 2023 at 08:53 PM



I don't know who posted the photo but so glad to see it. Marilyn always sought to maintain a relationship with Marsha.

Barbara Cooper - March 16, 2023 at 02:15 AM

BC

Not seeing the identifying names I thought I added: Marsha on the left and her sister Marilyn.

Barbara Cooper - March 16, 2023 at 06:09 AM

TP

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Teri Perkins - February 15, 2023 at 08:50 PM

BC

“*Sadly Marsha left many fond unknown memories behind due to extreme rejection in recent years of a large family on her father's side. This includes a sister, 4 cousins, (I am one), and 2 nephews as well as 2 grand nephews and many, unknown-to-her, cousins once and twice removed. All of us have memories from years past of a warm, musical, fun, animal and baby loving, family oriented woman. She will be missed for all that we had, and much that we missed in recent years, not by our choice.*

Cousin Barbie (Barbara McKinstry Cooper)

Oaxaca Mexico and NY

One of numerous survivors

Barbara Cooper - February 15, 2023 at 01:15 PM

SH

Well, that's kind of a weird way of putting it. But OK. You might as well have said, "It's not our fault she blocked us." Seeing your response, I can begin to guess why she might have blocked y'all.

Shame - April 10 at 10:53 PM