

Marilyn Johnson Rolapp Brinton

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Our hearts are aching and our eyes are tearing for the early departure of one who was always the epitome of unequaled grace, beauty and brilliance. A friendship of eighty years has now segued into an eternal relationship, but she will be so greatly missed in the interval. We will anxiously await our eternal reunion. Our love and condolences to Bob, her beautiful children and their families. "She walks in beauty like the night of cloudless climes and starry skies; And all that's best of dark and bright Meets in her aspect and her eyes: Thus mellow'd to that tender light Which heaven to gaudy day denies." Lord Byron God bless each of you to carry on her bright light of love, compassion and joy.

- Kenn & Nancy Thiess

To you Bob, dear friend. I am so grateful that you had so many years with such a beautiful and caring, amazing woman. You have been a special friend to me for many, many years. You introduced me to Marilyn and I have been greatly blessed by her humor, her sweetness and beauty. I am teary today for our loss. Love to you Bob. Marilyn Sumner

- Marilyn Sumner

Oh how we all loved Marilyn!! What a privilege to have known her here in the Potomac Ward and to see the beautiful family that she raised with such excellence. She had such a wonderful personality where everyone wanted to be her friend. She was a great example and will be greatly missed!!

- Margaret Archibald

My Dad, Pete, was the only male member of Marilyn's writing group, Memory Keepers. Marilyn's kindness to have him as part of the group was a godsend for Dad in his late eighties. He looked forward to every meeting in the Brinton home and was so determined to do his "homework" each month. The book of stories we have from that association is a treasure for our family. Marilyn was such a positive example to all around her. We were blessed by her kindness to our Dad.

- Brent Petersen

Sister Rolapp, as I always thought of her, was a mentor and friend to me and so many of the young women that came through the Potomac Ward. She wasn't someone I saw often, but someone I have always thought of as I have served youth in and outside our church. Her unconditional love, friendship, laughter and beauty were just a few of things I appreciated about her and will always remember. Her genuine interest in me and being able to see what others might not have been able to see when I was a teen, made me feel loved and accepted as I was. Whenever I would get to see her, I always felt the same love and interest in me, and hoped she felt my love and admiration for her. Marilyn, thank you for the impact you've had on my life. I will always try to emulate the love and trust you showed me, as I serve the youth within my influence. Thank you for also showing me what best friends looked like as adult women. I always admired the friendship you had with Sue Huguely and with many other great women in our ward, one of which was my mother. I loved watching your friendships and how time and geography didn't break those bands of sisterhood. You helped me to see that you can still have best girlfriends and make them a priority in your life, even as an adult. Please know, you will be deeply missed in this life, but no doubt are enjoying a sweet reunion with your loved ones on the other side. Much love and gratitude for your life well lived.

- Karen Marriott

Our hearts ache with yours at the passing of your sweet Marilyn, Mom and Baba. What a light she shed everywhere she went! Her goodness, strength, friendship and fun reached so far and wide. We have been blessed to be within that reach. Our prayers are with all of you. The truths of the gospel of Jesus Christ are real and present. How thankful we are to know what we know. Bless you all. Much love, Brent & Meg

- Brent & Meg Pratt

Such a beautiful, talented lady with a wonderful sense of humor. It was an honor to know her. Our sympathies to her family.

- Bob and Gloria Livingston

Todd, Juliane, Brian and Ashley: It's been 45 years since I stayed in your home in Gaithersburg where your mother graciously hosted me for a month as I located to a new job there in the D.C. area!! But I remember her with fondness to this day. She was one in a million. Please accept my condolences on her passing. I hope you will each be sustained by a faith she cherished. Sincerely, Susan R. Wayment Daughter of LaVar Rockwood

- Susan Rockwood Wayment

The world has lost one of the most lovely women I have ever had the privilege to meet. Marilyn was a dear sweet lady, with such love and acceptance that radiated from her. Although our paths did not cross very often, she had a wisdom and spirit that I always admired. Deepest condolences to her family and loved ones!

- Rebecca Layous

Marilyn was a great daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother and friend to all. She embodied traits and qualities of the very best of God's children. Marilyn was intelligent, beautiful, kind, compassionate, warm, fun and friendly. I

will cherish the times she spent at her parents, Ruby and Layle's home on 5th Place, in Las Vegas, where I got to know her, not just as a cousin, but a loving mother to her young family. She will be missed greatly by her family and the many who were fortunate to know her. With Love, Scott Johnson

- Scott Johnson

So sorry for your loss. I enjoyed my association with Marilyn when I worked at Eagle Gate Apartments. She was always kind and generous to me. She will be remembered fondly.

- Rosanne Reeves

We are thinking of the remarkable Rolapp family during this tender time. Grateful for the amazing example Marilyn was to so many people. We love you and cherish our friendship and shared testimony in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

- Marc and Cammy Fuller

I'm feeling much sadness for all of you at the loss of this special mother, wife, and grandmother. Sending wishes that you will be comforted, feel peace, and the Savior's love for you all. May you feel many blessings in the coming days, months and years, Judy

- Judy Davis

I am sad and shocked at the loss of wonderful Marilyn, your wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and great and dear friend. Earth has lost such a special force and light! I send my love, sympathy, and best wishes to each of you at this difficult time.

- Sue Alfandre

So many of us are better people because we grew up around the Rolapps, with Sister Rolapp leading with infectious kindness, compassion and empathy. A genuine hug from her cures all — even painfully early seminary classes. My last one was at the Pratt’s farm, on a cold day, during Alex and Niki’s wedding — many moons ago. I think the bagpiper’s reed froze. In our living room is a drum table, topped with family photos. We stole that idea from the Rolapp’s entry way. Love and warmest hugs from DC to Brian, Julianne, Todd, Ashley and the rest of the family.

- Patrick McManaman & Mary Peters

Marilyn was such an amazing person and touched the lives of everyone she met, including me. She had such love and passion for life, family, friends, and people in general. My life was made better from having her be a part of it. I have so many fond memories of spending time at her home with the family. Love you all and want you to know I am thinking of you and sending love and prayers. Thank you Marilyn for touching my life in such a positive way. ❤■

- Pam DeCederfelt

When Becky and I moved to Maryland in 1986, Marilyn was one of the first people we met. We had known her brother, Barry, from Illinois, and so we got in touch during a week-long house-hunting visit. Good thing too, because

our corporate-recommended real estate agent turned out to be less than hoped for, and it was Marilyn to the rescue. She spent several hours driving us around Montgomery County, giving us much-needed advice about neighborhoods and commute times and church congregations. It was Marilyn who ultimately found and showed us the house that we ended up purchasing, and 37 years later we are still here. Marilyn was a dear friend. We are indebted to her, not only for being our surrogate real estate agent four decades ago, but for countless other acts of kindness, support, love and friendship over many years. We are so sad to lose Marylyn. We extend our sincere condolences to her husband, Bob, her children and step-children and grandchildren. We take consolation in our knowledge that life is eternal, and that we will see Marilyn again. With love, Rob and Becky Talbert

- Rob Talbert

Dear Brinton Family (especially dear Bob), My heart goes out to you at this tender time. What a shock to have an angel separated from us for a time! Marilyn was and is a dear, sweet angel. I will always remember her kindness and cherish her friendship. She has touched so many lives, mine included. I love her and I love you! With prayers and heartfelt condolences, Marilee Waters

- Marilee Waters

We are so very sorry to hear about Marilyn’s passing. We will keep you, Bob, and the extended family in our prayers.

- Wilson & Wendy Martin

An angel has left us. So many felt “she was my friend” only to realize she was a friend to everyone! From the early days in the 6th ward to all the memories as a Las Vegas Wildcat she was the example of enthusiasm, beauty, purity and love. We were blessed to be touched by her!

- Doug Wells

Marilyn and I were friends for over 60 years. She was my best friend in high school. We then went to BYU and she was my roommate for 2 years. She was beautiful inside and out. She was a wonderful woman and will be missed. I love you my dear friend.

- Nancy Wells