



Marilyn Bierstedt

June 23, 1933 - December 6, 2012

Marilyn Elizabeth Bierstedt, age 79, of Milford, formerly of Fonda, passed away Thursday, December 6, 2012, at the Milford Nursing Center. She was born on June 23, 1933, in Algona, Iowa, to Arnie and Mary (Miller) Elbert. Marilyn graduated from St. Cecelia's School in 1950. She was united in marriage to Don Bierstedt on November 28, 1950, in Algona, at St. Cecelia's Catholic Church. They were blessed with five children, Donna, Raymond, Debra, Denise and Rick.

Marilyn enjoyed spending her spare time knitting, crocheting and tempting everyone with her yummy homemade pies. "She even left some in the freezer we are continuing to eat!" She loved her family and all the enjoyment they brought to her life. Marilyn's worst enemy ended up being her very best friend, her computer. She loved the ability to keep in touch with her family, especially her many loyal grandchildren.

Marilyn is survived by her husband, Don Bierstedt; four children, Donna (Ron) Hansen, Debra (Roger) Holtorf, Denise (Paul) Hirneise, and Rick Bierstedt; ten grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; three brothers, Bill (Ruth) Elbert, John (Shirley) Elbert and Joe (Cheri) Elbert; and two sisters, Agnes (Ron) Illg and Mary (Larry) Arndt. She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Dr. Raymond Bierstedt; granddaughter, Anne Holtorf Birt; daughter-in-law, Jane Bierstedt; brother, Arnie Elbert Jr.; and sister, Phyllis Fisher.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10:30A.M. Monday, December 10, 2012, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Milford. Visitation will be held Sunday, from

4:00P.M. until 6:00P.M., with a Vigil for the Deceased at 6:00P.M. at the Schuchert Funeral Home. Burial will be at 2:30P.M. Monday, at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Fonda. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in Marilyn's name.

The Schuchert Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

JK

“ Don--So sorry for your loss. Everytime I worked I enjoyed getting to know more about Marilyn as well as your family. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Jennifer Kipfer - December 10, 2012 at 09:42 PM

LP

“ Don - We just heard via email from Ramona yesterday that Marilyn had passed on and we are so sorry. I have such fond "school" memories of her. God bless and help you and your family during this difficult time. We will keep her in our prayers. Jack and Leah Rose (Kinsey) Pyburn

Leah Rose (kinsey) Pyburn - December 10, 2012 at 05:49 AM

SD

“ Bierstedt's---I was so sorry to hear about Marilyn's passing. I know how difficult it is. The memories of our own lost eighteen months ago are still fresh in our minds. Hold on to the memories. I'm sure you have many. She was a great lady. I wish it would of worked out that we could be there in person, but our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Scott & Becky Dillehay - December 10, 2012 at 02:10 AM

JU

“ Lisa,

We are so sorry about your grandma. Just wanted you to know that your "Virginia Family" is thinking about you and your family during this difficult time.

The Underwoods (JJ, Dave, & Hayleigh)

Jennifer Underwood - December 09, 2012 at 04:40 PM

DC

“ *While I did not know Marilyn well, in fact I believe I only met her once; it didn't take long to see the wonderful person, mother, wife and grandmother she was. She reminded me so much of my own mom. And having the privilege of knowing her son Rick, it's easy to see that there could not be a more loving or nurturing person in the world. Our most heartfelt condolences, and May God bless you and your family.*

Dan & Jenny Croft

Dan Croft - December 09, 2012 at 11:16 AM

DE

“ *Mom, tonight when We were all gathered together Dad and I had a melt down moment. He was just sad because he knew this was a night you lived for. When all your loved ones came to visit. Not the same without you but we did ok. Hope you are so happy visiting with your parents, Jane, Ray, and Anne. Daddy was wondering who you would see first. Bets on. Let us know. Love you forever. Miss you for always!*

Denise - December 08, 2012 at 11:47 PM

AG

“ Denise, John and I are so sorry for the loss of your beautiful mother. Please know that we are praying for you and your whole family during this very trying time. With all our love, Ann & John

Ann Gasser - December 08, 2012 at 11:37 AM

MB

“ Marilyn Bierstedt

Mike and Georgina Banks - December 08, 2012 at 06:38 AM

MT

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Marilyn. She was a very pleasant lady and always very proud of her family. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Mary and Jamie Tauber - December 07, 2012 at 08:17 PM

EH

“ To the entire family of Marilyn Bierstedt, We are saddened to hear the news of Marilyn's passing. She was a great lady and will truly be missed. She was always very welcoming and inviting to both Heath and I eventhough we were not her "grandkids". We are thinking of the entire family during this difficult time and holiday season. Take care...

Emily and Heath Holtapp - December 07, 2012 at 03:17 PM

JC

“ Marilyn was the most beautiful person I was blessed to know. I am deeply saddened to hear of her passing. Your entire family will be in prayer by the Reiff family. Love and prayers. Jean Reiff. Conley

Jean Reiff Conley - December 07, 2012 at 01:25 PM

EB

“ So sorry to hear about you loss, Rick!!! Keeping your family in our prayers during this difficult time.

Ed/Clarissa Brackett - December 07, 2012 at 12:04 PM

DR

“ Donald and family:
I was saddened to hear of Marilyn's passing. She was a lovely lady and will truly be missed by everyone. God's blessing to you during this difficult time. Love to all of you.

Diane Dillehay Raymond - December 07, 2012 at 10:43 AM

DR

“ Don and Family - Marilyn was a wonderful volunteer at St. Joseph's. I called on her several times for a cake or salad. She was an awesome potato peeler for the annual harvest dinner and always made sure things were "just right" for the funeral luncheon her group was organizing. She will be missed in the kitchen at church.

Dean and Susan Reiser - December 06, 2012 at 08:40 PM

BM

“ Don and family we are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts prays.
Billie Mollie and Marge

Billie Mollie and Marge - December 06, 2012 at 12:32 PM