



## Marcia Lynn Brown Bryan

December 28, 2013

Marcia Lynn Brown Bryan of Bloomington passed away Saturday, December 28, 2013 at the Indiana University Health Hospice House after a month-long illness. Marci and her husband, Stephen L. Gable, had moved into the Meadowood Retirement Center here in Bloomington in 2008 and were residents there at the time of Marci's death.

Marci was born in Cincinnati, Ohio to Frank Lloyd Brown and Janet Yockey Brown. She was reared in Westchester, Illinois, a small suburb west of Chicago. She graduated in 1960 from Proviso High School (now Proviso East) in Maywood where she was the yearbook editor. She went on to receive her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Wisconsin in Madison where she majored in journalism with a minor in elementary education. In 1976 she received her masters degree from IUPUI, and in 1981 her Doctor of Education from Indiana University here in Bloomington.

Marci worked for almost forty years in the field of mental health, administering programs for the mentally retarded and handicapped, Among the organizations for which she worked were Developmental Services in Columbus, Indiana where she administered the preschool program; Blue River Services in Corydon and Palmyra, Indiana where

she oversaw the building of their new sheltered workshop; The Indiana Department of Mental Health where she supervised the establishment of group homes for the mentally retarded and handicapped throughout the state; Dallas County Mental Health and Mental Retardation in Dallas, Texas where she was the executive director; the Association for Residential Resources in Minnesota (AARM) where she was the executive director; Martin Luther Homes in Lincoln, Nebraska where as chief program officer she supervised residential and day services throughout a seven state region; and Dungarvin, Inc, a Minnesota based company providing residential services in many states throughout the country. Marci became Dungarvin's regional director for the states of Oklahoma, New Mexico, Utah, Nevada, and Colorado.

Marci was a Fellow of the American Association on Mental Retardation, serving on the board of directors from 1989 to 1992 and as their Secretary-Treasurer from 1998 through 2001.

Marci was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Bloomington where she served on the finance and pastoral care committees. She was also Trinity's representative on the Interfaith Winter Shelter board of directors and served as its secretary.

Marci is survived by her husband, Steve; children Donald James Bryan (and wife Orbie) of Terre Haute, Indiana; Davida Marie Gable (and husband Brad Franz) of Cincinnati, Ohio; Elizabeth Lynn Stevens (and husband Jerry Stevens) of Fishers, Indiana; and Juanita Louise Gable of Denver, Colorado. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren: Matthew Latta (of Brazil, Indiana), Nicholas Fagg, Bethany Kelsheimer, James Bryan, Kelsey Bryan, Edward Bryan, Sarah Rose Bryan, Hudson Bryan (all of Terre Haute),

Alex Stevens (of Lafayette, Indiana), Patrick Stevens, Daniel Stevens, Morgen Stevens (all of Fishers, Indiana), Odessa Franz, and Novella Franz (both of Cincinnati, Ohio). In addition, Marci is survived by a brother, James Randolph (Randy) Brown (of Fair Haven, New Jersey), a sister, Janice Groner (of Wheaton, Illinois), and by seven great grandchildren.

The Burial Office will be held for Marci on Saturday, January 18, 2014 at Trinity Episcopal Church at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church and designated either for the Second Century Fund or the Interfaith Winter Shelter. Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Old Highway 37 is handling the arrangements and online condolences may be sent to the family at

# Tribute Wall

TE

“ Dear Steve,  
I was surprised and saddened to hear about Marci. I am not sure whether Gary & I can make it to her service but our thoughts and prayers will remain with you and your family. May you all feel the strength and comfort of our risen Lord and Savior during this time of sadness and loss in your lives.  
May the peace of God be always with you,  
Teresa & Gary Woods

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**Teresa Woods** - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

CH

“ From the Huff side of the family, I am sorry for your loss. From what Sue said Marci was a lovely lady, and reading about her tells me why. I am sure she will be greatly missed by everyone whose lives she touched.

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**Carol Huff** - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

SH

“ Don, Elizabeth & families - I was saddened to hear of your Mom's passing. She was always such a nice lady. You remain in my thoughts & prayers.

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**Shari West** - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

SU

“ So sorry to see your post that your Mom has passed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Don. So sorry for your loss.  
Tom and Sue Modesitt

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**Sue Modesitt** - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

DO

“ *miss you mom :(*

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**Don Bryan** - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

GA

“ *Steve, Don, Davida and Liz,  
My sincerest condolences for your loss. Marci was a dear person  
and friend. My first memory is her welcoming us to your home in  
Columbus back in 1982, as new friends of Don's from our first  
summer at Waycross. She gladly welcomed me then and always  
afterwards. Be comforted that she is with God, no longer suffering,  
and will always be watching over you and your families. Love  
always, Gary*

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**Gary Lowe** - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM