



Marilyn (Grabbe) Ellis Fender

April 6, 1932 - June 11, 2022

Marilyn (Grabbe) Ellis Fender, 90, of Bloomington passed away on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at the Stonecroft Health Campus.

She was born on April 6, 1932 in Vincennes, Indiana the daughter of Gilbert William and Hilda Emma (Stoelting) Grabbe. Marilyn was a 1950 graduate of Bicknell High School and a 1953 graduate of Indiana Business College in Vincennes, Indiana. She worked in the office as a customer service representative at Public Service of Indiana from 1951 until she retired in 1994 both in Bicknell and in Bloomington offices.

Marilyn was a member of the Bethel Church in Freelandville, Indiana where she was confirmed in 1946, she was also a member of the St Olive Chapter of the Eastern Star where she was installed as Worthy Matron in 1959, she was a member of the Zeta Chapter of Delta Theta Tau for 71 years, she would work with her sorority sisters every year at the Monroe County Fair serving food at the Dairy Barn. She also was very involved and delivered meals with Meals on Wheels in Bloomington. She loved to travel, playing cards like hand and foot or euchre with her family, shopping, all animals especially her cats. She will be greatly missed.

Marilyn is survived by her husband, Frank Fender of Bloomington; her stepchildren, Anita McPike of Ellettsville; Angela Ellis of Bloomington; a niece, Susan Grabbe Tidrow of McCordsville; a nephew, Bradley Grabbe of Plainfield; several great nieces and nephews; a cousin, Jean (Kent) Burgess of Bloomington her loving friends, Linda (Don) Stipp and Greta Thombleson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband Donald Ellis; a brother and sister-in-law, Earl and Creva Grabbe; a nephew Ronald Tidrow. Visitation will be held from 5:00pm to 7:00pm Thursday, June 16, 2022 at the Allen Funeral Home 4155 S. Old St Rd 37 Bloomington. A graveside service will be held at 1:00pm Friday, June 17, 2022 at the Bethel Cemetery in Freelandville, Indiana. A reception will follow at the Bethel Church in Freelandville right after the service.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Bethel Church or the Zeta Chapter of Delta Theta Tau Sorority.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Cemetery Details

Bethel Cemetery

13673 E. State Rd 58
Edwardsport, IN 47528

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Graveside Service

JUN 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DH

“Marilyn my friend, I will miss you so much. I miss you so much that when I was getting the coffee ready yesterday morning I got to french vanilla creamers out and three sweet and lows I turned around and you wasn't there. I took a deep breath and remembered that you're no longer in pain. Marilyn my friend you rest easy. You will be missed and always loved.



Donna Van Hoosier - June 16, 2022 at 05:18 PM

DH

“ To my BFF, you will be deeply missed and always loved. You have touched my heart in a special way. In ways you reminded me of my momma, always wanting to help others even if you didn't feel so well. Marilyn, in my line of work they say don't get close, well it's hard not to do that as I see each and everyone of my residents as family. The selfish side of me wants you back, but then I know you are no longer in pain, breathing better and walking around up in Heaven in your healed body.

Today as I was getting coffee I reached in to get creamer for you and sweet and low turned around to you spot at the table and you wasn't there. My heart dropped. I miss you, I miss helping you with your hearing aides lol. Miss fixing your hair. Till we meet again on God's time I will always and forever remember you and your kindness

Donna Van Hoosier



Donna Van Hoosier - June 15, 2022 at 10:00 PM

CM

“ I met Marilyn walking with friends at the Mall many years ago. We became friends and did a lot of things together. She joined our card group. A very sweet lady and very kind and caring. A hard worker always trying to help people. She will be missed.

With love dear friend, Coral Mulinix

Coral Mulinix - June 15, 2022 at 09:59 AM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Marilyn (Grabbe) Ellis Fender.



June 14, 2022 at 03:50 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Allen Funeral Home and Crematory - June 14, 2022 at 04:51 AM

LB

Sorry to hear of her passing, I enjoyed working with her and Frank, She always gave her special Chex mix homemade, Loved it.Larry and Cheryl Blackerby

Larry Blackerby - June 14, 2022 at 05:12 PM