



## Marlene Barbara Troyke

January 4, 1932 - July 16, 2015

Marlene B. Troyke (nee Stelter), 83, of Bloomington, IN, formerly of Lombard, IL, died at Hospice House on July 16, 2015 from complications of cancer.

Born January 4, 1932 in Lombard, IL, she was the daughter of Henry and Hattie (Kratzke) Stelter and was the fifth oldest of eight children. She married Richard Troyke in June 1952 and they were blessed with 56 years of marriage prior to his passing in 2008.

Marlene loved being a stay-at-home mom for a large portion of her daughters' lives but later enjoyed working as a manager of a Hallmark store. Marlene lived most of her life in Lombard until she and her husband moved to Keowee Key, South Carolina in 1989 to enjoy an early retirement that consisted of much golfing and meeting new friends. They then moved to Bloomington in 1994 to be closer to their daughters and grandchildren.

Marlene was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Lombard, IL and Faith Lutheran Church in Bloomington, IN teaching Sunday school and singing in the choir. She was one of the original condominium owners in Sherbrooke Place in Bloomington and enthusiastically participated in the Homeowner's Association chairing several committees. She had a generous, optimistic spirit and enjoyed meeting, talking with, and getting to know one and

all.

Marlene is survived by her daughters, Jane Suhr and her husband Buck of Bloomington, Bonnie Fitch of Lombard, IL, and Linda Smith and her husband John of Glen Ellyn, IL, grandchildren Errek Suhr and his wife Rebekah of Bloomington, Mike and Joe Fitch of Villa Park, IL, Adam, A.J. and Abby Smith of Glen Ellyn, IL and great-granddaughters Addyson, Hayden, and Taylor Suhr of Bloomington. She is also survived by sisters, LaVerne Smith, Virginia Seiler, Emily Bonette, and Audrey (Tony) Cooper, brother Frank (Betty Ann) Halpenny, and many sisters- and brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Richard (2008), brothers Henry Stelter (2010) and Leonard Stelter (1995), and granddaughter Jennifer Suhr (1999).

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2015 at 3 pm at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S Old SR 37 in Bloomington with Pastor Edwards of Faith Lutheran Church officiating. Family will receive friends from 1 pm until the time of the service at the funeral home. Committal at Rose Hill Cemetery will immediately follow the service. Family and friends are welcome to join in a celebration of life at Sherbrooke Place clubhouse afterwards.

If you wish to make a memorial contribution, please consider Hospice of IU Health/Bloomington Hospital c/o Bloomington Hospital Foundation, PO Box 1149, Bloomington IN 47402 or Faith Lutheran Church, 2200 S High St, Bloomington IN 47401.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *to all the Troyke and Stelter Families"*  
*Sorry for the loss of Marlene, she was a very caring and wonderful lady....Having worked with her at Skeet's I remember many good times we had. Especially remember the snow storm in May that stranded us and your Dad had to drive me home and even had trouble getting up the little incline by the Dairy Queen! Sorry we didn't keep in touch but life does get hectic and we don't always take the time for things we should.*  
*Love and Prayers to all*  
*Pat Quetsch2308*

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**Pat Quetsch** - October 26, 2015 at 03:58 PM

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“ *Jane when I think of your Mom, I remember her smile and especially her laugh. She was such a positive and welcoming individual. While one is never ready to lose a parent, I am glad Marlene is no longer in pain. May the Lord comfort you and your family. Lynn*

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**Lynn Schenck** - October 26, 2015 at 03:58 PM

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“ *Our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Mrs. Troyke.*

*God Bless,*

*Tracy & Mariah Lady, Brailyn & Maylee Rogers*

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**Tracy Lady** - October 26, 2015 at 03:58 PM

“ Jane, I wanted to express my deepest sympathy to you and your extended family for the loss of your mother. Reading her obituary, I see that the apple does not fall far from the tree. You seem to emulate much of your mother's goodness. I appreciate that you have been there for your mother, and I can't imagine how difficult this moment is for you, your siblings and extended family. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

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**Victoria Land** - October 26, 2015 at 03:58 PM