



Mrs. Marilyn Schmeh Munson

November 14, 1942 - March 25, 2021

Marilyn Munson, loving wife of Greg Munson, passed away on March 25th, 2021 at home in Canton, Georgia of causes unrelated to Covid-19. Marilyn is survived by three children – Mark Munson (Melissa Feemster), Julie Beck (Doug Beck) and Amy Munson and four grandchildren – Molly and Max Fitzsimons, Kate and Walter Beck. Marilyn was a devoted Christian Scientist and had many talents. At age four she started playing the piano (Marilyn had perfect pitch), and by sixteen was a church organist, with a career that spanned over 50 years. As a result, Marilyn made fast friends with many famous organists and was a past president of the American Guild of Organists of the Western North Carolina Chapter. In addition, she taught private piano lessons to many beloved students for over 20 years. Outside of music, Marilyn loved making art (particularly watercolors) and studying art history. She was proud of her Masters in Humanities. An enthusiast of art museums, Marilyn was happy to stand in front of a single painting and study every detail for long periods of time. Having learned German from her parents (first generation immigrants) Marilyn was the family ambassador for relatives in Europe and enjoyed many trips abroad. Her German cousins were like brothers and sisters to her. Long before Google maps and armed only with a Rand McNally, Marilyn was always game to hop in the car for a drive – whether it was a long trip from New York to Alaska, the parks in Utah, or an unpaved road up the side of a mountain. In addition, swimming or a great meal (with dessert first) always made her smile. Marilyn always had a twinkle in her eye, and will be missed as the rock of our family.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Longleaf Hospice (who were the most thoughtful and caring the last few weeks) or The Publishing Society/CS (who gave Marilyn inspiration her entire life).

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(Under the Foundation tab – go to Donate – click on ‘Add special instructions to the seller:’ to include an “in memory of Marilyn Munson”)

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Comments



“ We were dismayed to receive this news. Marilyn was always lovely and gracious. Please know we are thinking of you and family and we wish you all the best.

Love, Don and Martha Shoemaker

Donald Shoemaker - April 07, 2021 at 05:36 PM



“ Dear Greg, Julie, Mark & Amy,

1978 was a very good year for our family. That was the year when Greg and Marilyn came into our lives. What had begun as a professional relationship, soon blossomed into a family friendship that would grow over the years.

We will always remember the loving and graceful way that Marilyn welcomed us into her home. From dinner gatherings, to in-home concerts, Marilyn quickly made us part of her family and took a genuine interest in our growing family.

When we were building a new home in Sayville during the winter of 1985, we fondly recall Greg and Marilyn's weekly Sunday visits to deliver pastries, coffee and a few heartwarming tidbits, sure to make us smile!

Years later, following Greg's retirement, she and Greg again welcomed us and our two children into their new mountainside home as we travelled through the Asheville area. It truly was a "Spa - Holiday" experience complete with home cooked meals and a lovely concert!

Above all else, we will remember Marilyn as a warm and loving woman, who took great pride in her family, her music, her teaching and her faith in the Almighty. While we will miss Marilyn's smile and gentle loving ways, we are grateful for all the light she brought into our lives. We celebrate this great Lady's life!

With Our Love and Condolences,

Jan & George Gatta

George Gatta - April 01, 2021 at 05:27 PM



“ In addition to living a wonderful life, Marilyn was a 55 year partner of one of the musicians of the 1961 University of Michigan Russian tour band - Greg Munson. They were wonderful role models for all of us, and we mourn her passing, and send our love to Greg and all of their family.

Bruce Galbraith - March 30, 2021 at 10:16 PM



“ Ilona And Greg Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Schmeh Munson



Ilona and Greg Smith - March 29, 2021 at 04:04 PM



“ I'll always be grateful for Marilyn's quiet kindness and generous spirit. She was the perfect complement to Greg's good humor and loving way.

We miss Greg and Marilyn here in Hendersonville, North Carolina, and cherish the time we had with them for 20 years.

Thank you Marilyn for your kindness and support.

We're sending up prayers today.

Bill Moss, Hendersonville, NC

Bill Moss - March 29, 2021 at 04:03 PM



“ My very first time singing with Marilyn on the organ was when my daughter (now 31) was just about a week old. Every time I sang with her was a joy! I never made a mistake because Marilyn covered them up! When I left North Carolina behind, Marilyn and Greg were a much anticipated annual reunion here in Florida. I will miss her smiling, joy filled face so much. My heart goes out to her children, grandchildren and of course, Greg. She will be missed.

Sara Smith - March 29, 2021 at 11:47 AM



“ BRENDA FISHER lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Schmeh Munson



BRENDA FISHER - March 29, 2021 at 08:33 AM



“ I wish peace and love for the Munson family at this time of change. Marilyn was always kind and open hearted when I visited for holiday dinners at Mark and Melissa's house. It's no wonder the Munson children turned out to be such great human beings.

Best,
Thomas

Thomas - March 28, 2021 at 01:22 PM



“ In the 1980s we, Marylins german cousins Marianne Blersch and Bertl Maier with their familys got a great visit: the Munson family together with Grandpa Alphons Schmeh headed over to Europe and announced their visit to Markdorf. There a wonderful relationship started: we as teenagers had the chance to visit the Munsons and the Schmeh's in Long Island, learn better English, see parts of the US and make great and important experiences for our entire life.

I remember so very well Tante Marilyn's voice explaining me so many little things, her kindness and her great sense of humor, as well as her organ and piano playing and many other things that created so many beautiful and long lasting memories.

Later on Marilyn and Greg and my parents made a couple of memorable trips around Europe together and it has been definitely the Munson's initiative to part for the next adventure.

My mother Marianne and Marylin just recently talked about their scary moment driving into the wild part of Sicily to Bisacquino in order to surprise the relatives of the Lo Grandes, sending Marianne with her broken Italian into the village bar full of suspicious men to ask for information... They survived brilliantly lighting some candles in the 'Santuario' for the family and probably started to plan their next trip.

Our lives became richer staying in contact with our american cousins and even their close friends the Lo Grandes.

We hope that this connection will last and we will meet again and remember Marilyn.

Claudia Blersch and the Blersch family

Claudia Blersch - March 28, 2021 at 09:45 AM



“ Our condolences to the Munson family. I'll always have the fondest memories of visiting the Munson's homes on Long Island and North Carolina where Marilyn was so welcoming. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Love-

Adam, Jennifer, Elisabeth and Caroline Becker

Adam - March 27, 2021 at 03:15 PM



“ Elisabeth Oehler sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Schmeh Munson



Elisabeth Oehler - March 26, 2021 at 07:31 PM



“ Marilyn was my dear cousin. We met when she was still living a home with her parents Our families are related by marriage. Her parents welcomed me to their home many times and were like loving guardians to me, a newcomer to the USA. When I got married, Marilyn, Greg and Tante Bertha and Uncle Alfons drove many miles to attend the ceremony and Marilyn played the organ at the church in Port Chester, NY., just the kind and loving thing she was known to do.. Over the years we all spent many happy times together and she and Greg were there for me when I went through rough times.. I will miss her and her humor terribly. May she rest in peace.

Elisabeth Oehler - March 26, 2021 at 06:57 PM



“ Marilyn’s memory will always be etched in my heart. From the first moment we met, I knew that she had a loving heart of gold and as fellow organists, destined to be lifelong friends...and we were Marilyn was always positive, even in the midst of sadness, sorrow, worry or other loss. What an encouraging spirit in all circumstances! The last 5 years sharing our little Siesta Bay “piece of Heaven” will forever be some of my fondest memories. Although my heart is filled with sadness at this time, I already put in my order with our Father and look forward to spending eternity in the Munson’s “hood” with my dear friend.

susie waldrop - March 27, 2021 at 01:52 PM



“ Don, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Pastor and Phyllis Seibert

william Seibert - March 28, 2021 at 07:11 PM



“ I am so fortunate to have married into the Munson family and been able to call Marilyn my mother-in-law. Her love for her family stretched into mine, and we have been welcomed always. Thanksgivings with the Munsons and Feemsters together will always be treasured memories, and I will miss going to the Art Institute each year with her as a family tradition. These past few weeks, Marilyn was surrounded by her family's love. Her faith was very strong, and I know she is at peace.

Melissa Feemster - March 26, 2021 at 05:33 PM