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## Marilyn J. Rabe



Marilyn J. Rabe passed away peacefully in her home on April 5, 2024. Marilyn spent the last year living in Rogers, Minnesota, with family and was previously a resident of Buffalo, Minnesota.

She was born on March 23, 1934, in Iowa City, Iowa. She was born to parents Hugh F. & Regina K. (McDermott) Smith.

Marilyn spent her early years in Grinnell, Iowa, and graduated from Grinnell High School.

On August 4, 1956, Marilyn J. Smith and Eugene (Gene) W. Rabe were joined in holy marriage. God blessed their marriage with three children.

As a family they gained many friends over the years and lived in multiple cities including Arlington Heights, IL; Cherry Hill, NJ; Wayzata, MN; West Des Moines, IA; Hot Springs, AR; and finally settled back in the Rogers/Buffalo, MN, area for the last 24 years.

Marilyn's family was her pride and joy, especially her Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. She enjoyed watching the Minnesota Twins and Vikings and attended many games with her Grandchildren. She also loved watching her Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren participate in their many sports-related events over the years.

Marilyn never met a stranger and was an instant friend to all. Rather than talk about herself, she would invest in learning all she could about you. She was the life of every party and usually the last to leave. She genuinely enjoyed getting to know others and loved you for who you are.

Marilyn enjoyed participating in social hour and pulling pull tabs. She was known to be quite lucky in that regard.

Marilyn enjoyed traveling with her husband Gene to many domestic and international destinations over the years. She continued to travel to visit family and friends near and far for the rest of her life. Traveling highlights included family trips made for her 75th and 80th birthdays where most of her family gathered for beach vacations to celebrate.

Marilyn is survived by her loving children: Stacia (Anthony) Flores of Houston, Texas; Tamara (Jeffery) Sahr of Rogers, Minnesota; and David (Cassandra) Rabe of Gayville, South Dakota. Seven grandchildren: Joshua (Katie) Macleod, Eric (Fran) Macleod, Colin (Ally) Macleod, Grant (Callie) Sahr, Tyler Sahr (Rebecca Rostamo), Daulton Hawthorne and Darien Rabe. Eleven Great Grandchildren, two Nephews and a Niece; other distant relatives and many friends. Marilyn is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Gene, parents Hugh and Regina and her brother, Carroll Smith.

A Memorial Service for Marilyn Rabe will be held at The Peterson Chapel in Saint Michael, MN, on Tuesday, April 9, 2024. The visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. with a prayer service starting at 6 p.m. A Celebration of Life will immediately follow at 7 p.m. at The River Inn in Hanover, Minnesota.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are requested to go to the Gayville Fire Department in South Dakota, P.O. Box 163, Gayville, South Dakota 57031 or use the following direct link: [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=YJL4PAKXAA84W](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=YJL4PAKXAA84W).

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