



Marylynn Webster

March 23, 1959 - December 23, 2024

Marylynn Webster, 65 years of age, died peacefully at her home, surrounded by loved ones on December 23, 2024, after a courageous one-year battle with Esophageal Cancer.

Marylynn was born on March 23, 1959, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Robert W. Webster and Eleanor O. Webster. She was the youngest of 5 children.

Marylynn is survived by her husband of 30 years, Howard Bouwens, Jr., step-daughter Courtney Phillips and her husband Eric Phillips, step-son Carl Andrew Bouwens and three wonderful granddaughters, two terrific grandsons-in-law, and a shiny new great-grandson, Jamie Hof Grooters. (Why do I have the urge to add 'and a partridge in a pear tree'?)

She is also survived by siblings Patricia W. Farmer and her husband Pete of Edmonds, WA, Suzie W. Bogeberg and her husband Ralph of West Lake Village, CA, Margaret M. Webster of Florida, and Ward J. Webster of Fennville, MI. Also, very special and much loved by Marylynn, a niece and nephew-in-law, and a nephew and niece-in-law, another nephew and fiancé, another niece, and another nephew and niece-in-law (pew), and grand-niece Natchez Hardiwig, and grand-nephews Henry and Finn Farmer.

Marylynn graduated from East Grand Rapids High School and earned an

Associate's Degree from Northern Michigan University and also took classes at Montana State University.

Her main passions revolved around health, fitness, and the outdoors. She was a very accomplished athlete, earning recognition in biking, running, swimming, du-athlons, tri-athlons, cross-country skiing, and alpine ski racing. She participated in a nation-wide ski team competition where her team won a national championship. She had a special affection for helping others to improve fitness through walks and runs and hikes and workouts from her home and in the dunes and shoreline of Lake Michigan. She loved to walk with her dogs, her friends and occasionally her husband through the woods and dunes and shoreline near her home.

Her fitness drive over the years saw her employed as a ski instructor at multiple resorts throughout her adult life. Marylynn also served as the Manager at a Curves franchise, Adventure Club Director at her local yoga studio, as well as an attendant at our prized Oval Beach. Most recently she worked as a fitness coordinator at the Holland Aquatic Center, a job she truly loved, as she loved the people with whom she worked.

Marylynn was a member of St. Peter's Church in Douglas.

Marylynn was a true friend to many, loved and was loved by many, left all who knew her just a little more happy and a little more grateful. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her. There will be a memorial service to honor her memory at the family cottage at Cedar Bluff Park in Glenn, MI, this summer near Independence Day. An open house for friends and family to gather and reminisce will be held at her home on Sunday, December 29, 2024, from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm, allowing time for church attendance in the morning.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Salvation Army, the Holland Aquatic Center, or the Harbor Humane Society.

Arrangements are by the Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State Street, Zeeland MI 49464.

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Previous Events

Open House to Gather and Reminisce

DEC **29**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Holland, MI 49423-9713

Tribute Wall

JE

“ I absolutely LOVE the picture Cousin Carol posted. (Thank you for sharing that!) My heart goes out to Howard and all those closest to her. She will be VERY missed. We will see her again with Jesus. ❤️ May MaryLynn inspire all of us to Live Life to the Fullest full of energy & love! ❤️

Jennifer - February 09, 2025 at 09:30 AM

DM

“ Sorry I missed the funeral. She was such a great lady! We will miss her...

denise miller - January 03, 2025 at 11:39 AM



“ I am so saddened to hear of Marylynn's passing and just learned of it today. She and I competed against each other in the Lake Michigan RTS races and she was always so enthusiastic, friendly, and encouraging to others. I am so sorry for those who loved her and were in her intimate world. Peace and healing to you all!

Doreena Dunning - December 29, 2024 at 10:04 AM

CC

“ *This is how I will remember MaryLynn (Boo)
Living life to the fullest and full of boundless energy. I can't even find
the words for her loss. My heart is broken.*
Carol



Carol Rice (Cousin Carol) - December 28, 2024 at 05:17 PM

JG

“ *To Howard and all of Boo's family and friends. My thoughts are with
you.
...Summer was always so much fun with all of the kids at Cedar
Bluff. Living there year around it was a delight to see the "summer
people" show up.
Boo Boo was always in the midst of things. Picking berries,
swimming, walking to Otto's and all the yard games. The heavens
have a bright new star now that will always shine bright.
You will be missed my friend. I can only imagine how many "Casey"
dogs have greeted you... jan guigue*

Jan Guigue - December 27, 2024 at 08:38 PM

NW

“ *May you Howard be comforted by the love surrounding you. I'm so
sad for you lose. Thinking of you. Norma*

norma wendr - December 27, 2024 at 06:25 PM

FW

“ Boo-boo my very first kiss! First Girlfriend. 6 years old!! Kick the can! Capture the flag!! You name it we played it. Such a great neighborhood. Curtis, The Warsaws, The Krells, Ernie, Tom and Bill Capps, the Gantos, the Wabees, The Lacks, Sam Genovise, Fred Trumbull, Terry Nicholas, the Melanie's and the Smolenski's and the Mulvihills and the Websters...Sooo Fun!! Never a dull moment!!,

Fred Weiss - December 27, 2024 at 05:34 PM

HN

“ Halcyon Hills Association neighbors planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marylynn Webster.

Halcyon Hills Association neighbors - December 27, 2024 at 01:03 PM

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“ Halcyon Hills Association neighbors purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Marylynn Webster.



Halcyon Hills Association neighbors - December 27, 2024 at 01:03 PM

SS

“ Marylynn would lead /join our running class on occasion. She was always so friendly and fun and challenging with her workouts, sorry to hear of her passing.

Sheri Schwaiger - December 27, 2024 at 11:20 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Marylynn Webster.*



December 27, 2024 at 09:52 AM



“ *I loved it when I went to the aquatic center and saw Marylyn there. She was the hardest worker and was always walking around working with a beautiful smile on her face...it made my day to see her there...and I always wore a blue tee shirt when I knew she was working because she told me blue was her favorite color!*

Scott Lubbers - December 26, 2024 at 09:11 PM



“ *Marylynn was an inspiration to us at the aquatic center. She was always willing to help us work any muscle which we had questions. We only knew her the past 2 years though we felt we knew her for years. We are sad to hear this news. Heaven definitely gained another beautiful angel. Condolences to the family. Rose & Joe*

Rose & Joe Dally - December 26, 2024 at 05:43 PM



“ *Marylynn was an enthusiastic encourager and wonderful presence at our small church for a season. She loved and served people well. And she gave great hugs! We will miss her. Howard, our hearts are with you and the family at this time.*

Andrew Spidahl - December 26, 2024 at 02:13 PM

KB

“ *Marylynn would run her dogs on the beach and at times I would see her while running my dogs. Marylynn was always running! She truly loved her dogs and they will miss her. We are so sorry for your loss.*
Dave and Kitty Beecken

kitty beecken - December 26, 2024 at 12:18 PM

CS

Our deepest sympathy to Howard and family. We knew her long ago from church. She was always kind and full of energy as I remember her fondly.
Char and Craig Smith

Char Smith - December 27, 2024 at 11:57 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marylynn Webster.

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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Marylynn Webster.



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