



Marilyn Lee Lake McElwain

June 27, 1951 - June 8, 2017

Mrs. Marilyn Lee Lake McElwain died unexpectedly at Community South hospital on June 8, 2017 in Indianapolis, Indiana at the age of 65.

Marilyn is survived by her mother, Mary Lake; daughters Rachel McElwain and Caitlin McElwain; and her siblings Linda Morse, Ted Lake, and Glenn Lake. She is preceded in death by her father, Mallam Lake; her siblings Walker Lake and Jim Lake.

Marilyn was born on June 27, 1951 in Hartford, KY to Mary Lake and Mallam Lake. She graduated from University of Kentucky with a Masters in Fine Arts, married and had her two children, and then enjoyed a long career as an art instructor at the University of Indianapolis. Marilyn enjoyed traveling and serving others. She was a dedicated member of the Southport Church of Christ.

A funeral is scheduled for close family at the Frankfort Cemetery in Frankfort, Kentucky. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to The Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. Her daughters would like to thank the family and friends who supported Marilyn in the last years of her life.

LeCompte Johnson Taylor Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. You may share memories and leave condolences on the tribute wall at www.ljtfune

ralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

SF

“ *IP sweet Marilyn
Steve F*

Steve Foster - November 03, 2019 at 03:00 PM

SF

“ *Steve Foster lit a candle in memory of Marilyn
Lee Lake McElwain*



Steve Foster - November 03, 2019 at 02:54 PM

MH

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Marilyn for a brief time for the Academy of the Arts, a program in junction with the University of Indianapolis. She was a kind, caring, sweet woman with a great sense of humor. I really enjoyed working with her. My condolences to her family and friends.*

Mary Hallihan - June 11, 2017 at 06:02 PM

CB

“ *Words can't describe the loss I feel at Marilyn's passing. She was my Best Buddy, and we shared many crazy international adventures together. I will never forget her great stories...she was a great teacher, colleague, friend and mentor, wonderfully creative, with a spiritual soul; I will miss her dearly. I look forward to seeing her paintbrush in the sunrise over Hopkins Bay in Belize, as the light, art and service she created there shines on in her memory. Thanks Marilyn for sharing a piece of your life with me. Candy Beitman*

Candy Beitman - June 11, 2017 at 08:17 AM

LC

“ I represented Marilyn some 30 years ago while in private practice and remember her fondly. She gave me a large abstract painting she had done, which hangs directly across from my desk in my office in the Franklin County Courthouse. If you are a friend or family member, please come by some time to see it. I regret her passing too soon.

--Larry Cleveland, Commonwealth Attorney

Larry Cleveland - June 10, 2017 at 08:39 AM

JH

“ Rachel I am so sorry to hear about your Mom I know you and your sister are heartbroken right now! Please know you both will be in my thoughts and prayers! I feel lucky to have known your mom! Julie Hoffman

Julie Hoffman - June 09, 2017 at 04:37 PM

BS

“ We are so sorry to hear of Marilyn's passing. We enjoyed years worshipping together. We also enjoyed many fun times together playing cards. Right after they built the log house they hosted a New Years Eve party. They had not put a furnace in the house yet and it was sooo cold everyone had to keep their coats on. It didn't keep us from staying until 3:00 am. though. She was a loving person and will missed greatly.

Bill and Linda Spears - June 09, 2017 at 02:42 PM

SB

“Marilyn was such a generous woman. I learned service learning at UIndy from her and traveled three times with her. I will never forget our trip to South Africa. She will be missed terribly for her joy, compassion, care, and activism in service learning. Love to her family in this terribly difficult time.
Sue Blackwell

sblackwell9@gmail.com - June 09, 2017 at 02:10 PM

TU

“The Department of Art & Design, UIndy purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Marilyn Lee Lake McElwain.



The Department of Art & Design, UIndy - June 09, 2017 at 10:51 AM

DB

“Marilyn was a friend. I enjoyed her conversations, her quick wit, and her delightful sense of humor. She was one of a handful of people in my life who was a truly caring and inspiring person.

Dan Briere - June 09, 2017 at 10:13 AM

WT

“With love, Pam and Trish purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Marilyn Lee Lake McElwain.



With love, Pam and Trish - June 09, 2017 at 10:11 AM

JB

“ *Judy Pollack and Dan Briere purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Marilyn Lee Lake McElwain.*



Judy Pollack and Dan Briere - June 09, 2017 at 08:54 AM

YM

“ *Marilyn had the most straight forward sense of humor and she loved a bit of mischief as much as anyone I know. She is dear to my heart.*

Yvonne Margedant - June 08, 2017 at 04:57 PM

PC

“ I am so blessed to have been able to share bits and pieces of life with Marilyn. We shared moments of joy, angst, wonder, excitement, bewilderment, sadness, beauty, art, reflection...



Marilyncita was a warrior and always took under her wing different causes: a student with a difficult situation, a friend in distress, stray cats, children from a broken home, the lonely life of the elderly, and all of this while forgetting about herself. Generous to the core. An insatiable traveler, not for the thrills of tourism, but to have her need to serve underrepresented indigenous communities fulfilled. She taught them to sew crafts and different items that would grant financial independence, she even helped refugees in Greece, and also participated in turtle rescue efforts.

She always wished she had more time to produce her art, but never got around to it. No, Marilyncita, you just didn't realize that your life was a huge canvas of your humanitarian work while on this Earth.

I am attaching the creation you made of your mother. Her hands concealing her merry smile while her memories dance around her in happiness. That's how I see you and how I will remember you always.

Patricia Cabrera - June 08, 2017 at 03:40 PM

JT

I miss Marilyn. She was indeed always there for others. And she was such a talented artist and teacher. She raised two wonderful daughters; thank you Caitlin and Rachel for taking time to talk today. Your mom made my life so much better. Sincerely, Julia Taugner

Julia Taugner - June 08, 2017 at 07:37 PM