



Marlene H. Mathews

September 8, 1931 - October 3, 2021

Marlene Hawkins Mathews, age 90, of Birmingham, AL was born on September 8th, 1931 and passed away peacefully on October 3, 2021. She was preceded in death by her husband, Stanley Mathews; her parents, Lena Pearl McNew Hawkins and Horace Raymond Hawkins; her brothers, Mortiman Braxton Hawkins and Ray Hawkins; her sister Fay Hawkins Delfavero and her great nephew Jonathan Hawkins. She is survived by her sisters Patsy Hawkins Stafford and Linda Dale Hawkins, her nieces, Pam Hawkins Trentham and Mitzie Stafford, her nephews, Greg Hawkins, Butch Hawkins, Marty Hawkins, Michael Hawkins, Carl Delfavero and Kim Delfavero and 10 great nieces and nephews. Marlene was a three-time cancer survivor and was of great support to others who were facing cancer. After retiring from Birmingham Steel, she and her husband Stan enjoyed gardening, growing huge sunflowers and vegetables, trips to the beach, deep sea fishing and spending time with family and friends. Marlene always had a ready smile for photo opportunities - taking Polaroid pictures of the family was one of her favorite things to do. After her husband, Stan passed, she moved to Gardendale's Covenant Place with her sister Linda and quickly made many friends and a name for herself with her crafty dried flower pictures, yodeling skills, Wii bowling skills and her outgoing nature.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Tribute Wall

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“ I was so very blessed to have Aunt Marlene in my life. She was such a good, kind, sweet soul. She always had a ready smile and never let anything get her down. Aunt Marlene was legendary for her skating and bowling skills. I remember Aunt Marlene teaching me how to roller skate and giving me big, fluffy, red and black pom-poms to go on my skates. She was so excited watching me open her gift. She also gave me my first and only bowling ball engraved with my name.

Her stories were hilarious. The “My name’s Marlene and I’ve always ordered mine and Stan’s chicken this way.” story is reminiscent of a Seinfeld episode - as are so many others.

We laid Aunt Marlene to rest today in a small, sweet and beautiful service. The Lord blessed us with a gorgeous, sunny day. It was indeed special - you see, Aunt Marlene loved butterflies - yellow were her favorite. As the minister was so eloquently delivering the eulogy and offering prayers, a yellow butterfly appeared as if on queue.

I love you Aunt Marlene,
Mitzie

Mitzie Stafford - October 08, 2021 at 10:41 PM

DH

“ Darlene Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Marlene H. Mathews



Darlene Hawkins - October 07, 2021 at 09:28 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marlene H. Mathews.*



October 06, 2021 at 09:36 PM



“ *Mitzie lit a candle in memory of Marlene H. Mathews*



Mitzie - October 06, 2021 at 03:10 PM



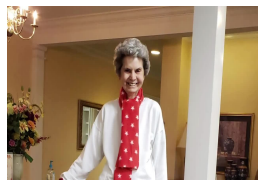
“ *Mitzie sent a virtual gift in memory of Marlene H. Mathews*



Mitzie - October 06, 2021 at 03:09 PM



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Mitzie Stafford - October 06, 2021 at 10:36 AM

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She was always such a joy and saw the bright side of life. She never complained, just went with the flow. I know you are dancing on streets of gold! We will see you again someday soon!

Teresa Hawkins - October 07, 2021 at 11:12 AM

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“ *I have so many good memories of Aunt Marlene. I remember her laugh. For some reason she always reminded me of of Mama Pearl. She made a huge impact on my life especially when I was a kid. Thank you Aunt Marlene for always being there. I will carry you in my heart forever.*

*Love you,
Pam*

Pam Hawkins Trentham - October 05, 2021 at 01:50 PM