



Marilyn Sue Gartside

April 27, 1944 - July 23, 2017

Marilyn Sue (Stolz) Gartside, 73, of Naples, Fla., died July 23 after a short illness. She was born April 27, 1944 in Columbus, Ohio to Roland and Mary (Smith) Stolz. Marilyn attended St. Mary of the Springs Academy, married and had four children. She graduated from the University of Michigan with a BSN and spent most of her 25-plus year career as an RN at the University of Michigan Hospitals. On June 7, 1980, Marilyn married the love of her life, Frank Gartside. They made their home in Chelsea, Mich. After moving to Florida, she continued in the healthcare field teaching CNA classes at local colleges.

Marilyn was known for her infectious laugh and feisty nature. She was a natural redhead, afterall. She loved animals of all kinds, from goats to hamsters, but had a special affection for dogs. As a trained nurse and as part of her true nature, Marilyn possessed that elusive ability to remain calm during crises and was relied on many times when family and friends (or even friends of) were ill. Her caregiver talents were unsurpassed.

She is survived by her husband, Frank Gartside, whose devotion to her was unending; her children, Rick (Julie) Zerkel, Steve Zerkel, Cris (Don) Shankleton, David (Vonetta Griffith) Zerkel; her grandchildren, Sarah (Eric Francisco) Zerkel, Austin Zerkel, Madi Zerkel, Cassidy Shankleton, Rece Shankleton, and Simon Shankleton. She was preceded in death by her

grandson, Tyler Shankleton, her brother, Ronald Stolz, and her parents.

Services will be private. Donations in Marilyn's memory may be made to Avow Hospice, Inc. of Naples at avowcares.org or a humane society of your choosing.

Tribute Wall



“ *Marilyn Sue Gartside*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Marilyn Sue Gartside*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Jan and I spent a lot of time with Marilyn and frank, most notably a trip to Nashville and a camping trip on Lake Michigan. Unfortunately we lost touch after we moved to Colorado. Now has Jan's Alzheimer's and her recent heart attack for me to worry about.*

lee reynolds - July 31, 2017 at 11:14 AM



“ *Dad, we are sorry to hear that Marilyn has passed. She was a wonderful lady. May God bless and keep you all in his care. Matt and Pam*

Pam Kuzel - July 28, 2017 at 05:51 PM



Oh Pam, so good to hear from you even though the circumstances stink. I had him read your post; he broke right down. Email me a cshankleton@gmail.com to touch base. Cris ❤️

Cris Shankleton - July 30, 2017 at 01:51 PM

Judy
Stolz

“ *Rest in Peace Aunt Marilyn. My first memory of her was when I was around 4 years old and she let me hold her new baby Rick. She was always bold, kind, and laughing. Judy Stolz*

Judy Stolz - July 25, 2017 at 08:37 PM



“ *Marilyn was comfortable in who she was. Easy to laugh, welcoming, loving of her children and grandchildren, direct when speaking to you and always aware of the man by her side and the love they shared. All the memories shared by family and friends will long remain.*

Lillian Mae - July 25, 2017 at 06:41 PM

DP

“ *I've several great memories of you Marilyn. From the way you took care of Bill during his kidney transplant transition - both with the same dark humor, to the many times I heard you laugh in that deep hearty way. Tossing your head back and smiling so greatly, there was no match for how sincere you always were with your words & infectious smile.*

Debbie Popkey - July 25, 2017 at 06:07 PM

BK

“ *Ms.Marilyn always gave....YOU just didn't want to get that Red Head mad!! THANK YOU for sharing this with Us...*



Bob Kuziak - July 25, 2017 at 12:07 PM

CS

“ *I will miss you Mom, forever and always. I know your spirit is all around. Be at peace. We've got Frankie's back. <3*
Cris

Cris Shankleton - July 25, 2017 at 10:40 AM