



## Marilyn Rose Prather

March 17, 1931 - May 15, 2020

Marilyn R. Prather, 89, of Lehigh Acres, FL., passed away on May 15th, 2020, in LaBelle Fl. Visitation will be held at Gendron Funeral Home 2701 Lee Blvd. Lehigh Acres, Fl. 33971 on May 29th at 8:30 a.m. Funeral Service will be held at St. Raphael's Catholic Church on Lee Blvd. at 10:00 a.m., with Father David Baugh officiating. Burial will follow, at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery. Arrangements are being handled by Gendron Funeral Home. Marilyn was born in Newark, NJ., to John Joseph Naughton and Mary Gertrude Mount on March 17th, 1931 (St. Patrick's Day). She attended Art's High School and graduated in 1949. She worked for the telephone company, the CIA (retired when she was pregnant with Billy). Later, she went on to earn her Real Estate License, and a CNA License that she used in her final career at the Health Department. Marilyn's earlier years revolved around swimming. She swam 11 yrs. and tried out for the Olympics in 1952 for the 100-meter backstroke. Marilyn was involved for many years in the Eagles #3938 and American Legion 323 and enjoyed supporting many various charities through these organizations, in addition to her favorite, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. She enjoyed playing bingo, cards, puzzles and dice. Marilyn taught CCD classes at St. Raphael's. She received many awards from swimming, bowling, real estate and working with various charities. Marilyn is preceded in death by her parents, her twin siblings, John (Jack) & June. First husband William Iverson Prather and their son William Iverson Prather Jr., Second husband Clarence Andrew Richter, Nephews, Mark and Michael, Uncle Eddie

and Aunt Rose and cousin John. Marilyn is survived by her two daughters, Dianne (Dave) Reynaert, Patricia (Gary) Harlow; three nieces, Eileen, Donna and Rosemary. Five Grandchildren, Jamaica (Mason), Rebecca, Billy, Maureen (Patrick) and Stephen. Four Great-Grandchildren, David, Mason, Madalena and Kendra; Two Step-Daughters, Andrea (Dan) Casey, their daughters Elizabeth (Josh) Nathan and Samantha and Erin; Nancy (Paul) Garneau, and their daughter Sasha. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude or St. Jude.org. Condolences may be expressed on Marilyn's online guestbook at [www.gendronfuneralhome.com](http://www.gendronfuneralhome.com). The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Oakbrook Nursing Home, esp. Paige Andrade, her healthcare nurses, esp. Patty and Paige. She touched a lot of lives and will be forever missed.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Marilyn Rose Prather* ”



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**Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc.** - May 28, 2020 at 11:47 AM



“ *Marilyn Rose Prather* ”

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October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Marilyn Rose Prather* ”

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January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Love you Marilyn* ”



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**Mary Budd** - May 31, 2020 at 03:30 PM



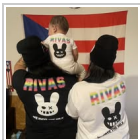
“ Marilyn was the sweetest and most thoughtful woman. She never missed an opportunity to let you know that she cared about you and ask thoughtful questions about your life. She had the unique ability to recall every detail of a memory which led to her sharing the most amazing stories. You will be missed Marilyn, love you.

Mason Mobly - May 29, 2020 at 02:13 PM



“ It's difficult to put into words what a wonderful lady Marilyn was. She was a woman of great courage and great strength. She had a lot of health problems but she always, always had a smile. She always had an encouraging word for other people. She has a special place in my heart. She will be missed. I love you Marilyn.♥♥♥♥

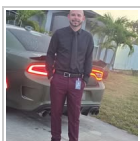
patty jackson - May 29, 2020 at 02:00 PM



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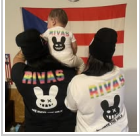
Maureen Sakitis - May 29, 2020 at 01:30 PM



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Patrick Sakitis - May 29, 2020 at 01:26 PM



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**Maureen Sakitis** - May 29, 2020 at 01:24 PM



“ *Sakitis family will love and miss you always. Thankful for the memories. You were the Drill Sargent's best cadet! All our love, Patrick, Maureen and Kendra*



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**Maureen Sakitis** - May 29, 2020 at 01:07 PM



“ *Marilyn was a lovely person and we loved hearing her stories about competitive swimming in her younger years! Such an interesting life! It's so wonderful to see all the photos of her in the tribute video. We are so glad we had a chance to know her. All our love, Andy, Rachel, Maura and Austin*

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**Rachel Brown** - May 29, 2020 at 12:52 PM

TK

“ I met your sweet momma Marilyn many years ago during a visit to Lehigh to visit my momma. I can still hear her sweet kind voice in my mind when I think of her. She was lucky to have you as a daughter. I know we shared many of the same experiences. May it bring you comfort knowing shes at Peace and surrounded by Gods love. I can only imagine my momma welcoming her with arms wide open ❤️ Love to you all!!! -Tami & Rich Kincaid

Tami Kincaid - May 29, 2020 at 12:47 PM

RB

“ Rachel Brown lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Rose Prather



Rachel Brown - May 29, 2020 at 12:43 PM

LO

“ Lori L Overly lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Rose Prather



Lori L Overly - May 29, 2020 at 11:59 AM

Karen Bouchard-Vespia

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Karen Bouchard-Vespia - May 29, 2020 at 11:47 AM

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“ I met Marilyn over about 45 years ago when I became friends with her daughter Patty. She was a second Mom to me and always made sure I was where I needed to be. She was a very caring lady who loved her children and me too! The trips with her around the state of Florida going to swim meets and shopping, she always made it fun. I will always cherish those memories! Rest in peace, I love you.

Lori L Overly - May 29, 2020 at 11:47 AM

AN

“ Angela lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Rose Prather



Angela - May 29, 2020 at 11:35 AM



“ Myself, Basil and mom will always cherish all the fun times we had with my mom Marilyn! Love always, Marge, Basil and Anna.

Marge Horvath - May 29, 2020 at 11:21 AM

JK

“ I met Marilyn when she worked with my Dad at Bagan and Bagan realtors. She had a wonderful personality and big smile on her face. Marilyn was a very special lady. Her children were always first and the highlight of her life. Marilyn was always so full of life. I enjoyed many good times with her. I will cherish my memories of her. We will all miss her. We love you. Rest in peace, my dear friend.



Joyce Kelly - May 29, 2020 at 07:59 AM



Karen Bouchard

*I have shared many a wonderful conversions with this beautiful woman. i cherish our times together. always bright and cheery person no matter how she was feeling. she will always be a shining star to me. i will miss our talks and spending time with her. she means so much to me. so good bye my cherished friend until we meet again. love and miss you terribly. Ron and Karen*

**Karen Bouchard-Vespia** - May 29, 2020 at 11:45 AM



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**Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc.** - May 28, 2020 at 11:22 AM