



Marlys Jean Fecht

December 1, 1933 - June 14, 2020

Marlys Jean Fecht, 86, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, passed away on June 14, 2020. Marlys was born on December 1, 1933, in Waterloo, Iowa, to Lee and Etta Wentworth. She graduated from West High School, class of 1951, in Waterloo, Iowa.

A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, whose faith, relationship, and time spent with the Lord, was very important to her. After this, the most important things to her, were spending time with her family and enjoying life with them. To those that knew her personally, and worked with her, she was known as the mouse lady because of her collection of mice, not the real ones.

Marlys enjoyed art. She especially enjoyed drawing, sketching, and painting things that held meaning to her, such as her pets and flowers that she grew in her garden. Gardening was another talent of hers. She loved to work on her garden and enjoy the beauty of the flowers that she grew, especially the roses which she would often paint.

Baking/cooking was something that she enjoyed to do for her family and friends, and she was especially good at it. She would often bake goodies for her family to enjoy during the week, and she enjoyed baking them almost as much as her family enjoyed eating them, along with her holiday meals. She passed on this talent and love of baking/cooking to her grandson Jonathon, and they started cooking holiday meals together.

Jigsaw puzzles were a favorite pastime of hers, and the more challenging the better. She also enjoyed watching sports with her grandson and loved animals, especially dogs. From her first dog Trixie to her grand dog Droopy, whom she would spend the day talking to, looking out the window, playing with, and going on walks with, in the backyard.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sisters, Donna and Lorraine Wentworth. She is survived by her husband of 39 years, Vernon, her four daughters: Cynthia O'Connell and Deborah Castillo, both of Waterloo, Iowa, Lori O'Connell of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Sandra Jones of San Diego, California. Her grandchildren: Paul and Joshua (Cynthia), Sarah and April (Deborah), Jonathon (Lori), and Stella (Sandra), and her six great grandchildren, her cousin Billy Spicer of Marion, Iowa, who she thought of more like a brother, and also her grand dog Droopy of Tulsa.

She was a genuinely kind lady with a big heart that saw the good in everyone that she met. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her, but would want us all to celebrate her

life, and take peace in knowing that she is home with her Heavenly Father now.

Public visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at Fitzgerald Southwood from 9am-5pm, with a private family graveside service at Calvary Cemetery on August 5, 2020 at 9:30 am.

Events

AUG **Visitation** 09:00AM

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Comments



“ Lori O'Connell sent a virtual gift in memory of Marlys Jean Fecht



Lori O'Connell - February 14 at 02:55 AM



“ Lori O'Connell sent a virtual gift in memory of Marlys Jean Fecht



Lori O'Connell - December 25, 2020 at 11:55 PM



“ Lori O'Connell lit a candle in memory of Marlys Jean Fecht



Lori O'Connell - December 25, 2020 at 11:52 PM



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Lori O'Connell - December 01, 2020 at 01:31 AM



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Lori O’Connell - December 01, 2020 at 01:21 AM



“ We’ve gone through a lot of “firsts” since you’ve been gone, the latest was Thanksgiving, which you always made so special. Jonathon continued the traditions you shared/started with us and cooked a wonderful Thanksgiving meal. I know you were smiling and encouraging him from above. He definitely missed cooking with you and I missed watching you two together. Always warmed my heart. We had the parade on and of course the dog show after. Remembering how you loved to watch all the dogs. Today is another first, it would be your 87th birthday today. We all miss and love you so much, but are comforted by all the wonderful memories we have of you and the fact that you are in heaven! We will remember your special day with lovely memories of you. I love you forever and miss you mommy.

Lori O’Connell - December 01, 2020 at 01:20 AM



“ Uncle Vernon and family. It's been many years since I've seen any of you. My sister Debra informed me today about the lost of Marlys. So sorry. Take care of each other remember all the great times. Cindy Fecht/ Barnes.

Cindy Fecht/Barnes - August 20, 2020 at 10:38 PM



“ marlys was one of my favorite sister in laws.i'll miss her smiles and beautiful voice.

allen d. fecht sr.

allen fecht sr. - August 07, 2020 at 05:30 PM



“ Even though it has been so long ago, every time I hear Simon and Garfunkel music it reminds me of the time I spent playing on the farm with Cindy and Debbie. I remember Marlys as being my favorite aunt and will always remember her voice because it was like singing every time she spoke. I grew up shy and introverted and she always made me feel special just by being in her peaceful and kind presence. I am so sorry for your loss, I know how hard it is to lose your mother. Her kindness and my love for her is instilled deep in my heart. She is singing with the angels now and celebrating her new found peace and happiness in heaven. Hugs to all of you.
Janet (O'Connell) Blad

Janet (O'Connell) Blad - August 05, 2020 at 04:38 AM



“ April Ellis sent a virtual gift in memory of Marlys Jean Fecht



April Ellis - August 04, 2020 at 03:26 AM



“ Grandma and I spent most of our lives apart, as we were separated by a few states. That said, we made many cherished memories together.

When I'd visit, you'd usually find us at the dining room table or laying about the house looking through boxes of old photos. She'd tell me about her life growing up in Iowa. I reveled in her stories. We could talk for hours! Our differences in age didn't matter. We just understood each other.

This lady right here was warm, kind, funny and loved by everyone that knew her. I'm grateful for the time we were able to spend together.

In God's arms may you gently rest.

I'll miss your smile, Grandma. I love you



April Ellis - August 04, 2020 at 02:38 AM



“ Darwin T. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Marlys Jean Fecht.



Darwin T. - August 02, 2020 at 04:16 PM



“ Deborah, Sarah & Josie, April & Krue purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Marlys Jean Fecht.



Deborah Castillo - August 02, 2020 at 09:36 AM



“ Sarah Verbeck lit a candle in memory of Marlys Jean Fecht



Sarah Verbeck - July 31, 2020 at 03:35 PM



“ After school everyday she made me a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, while I sat at the table and did my homework. She taught me how to read and write. I was behind in school when I first started, then I became the smartest kid in the class because of all her hard work she invested in me. She brought out so much confidence in me, that's taken me through life today. At the end of each day she brought me a bowl full of vanilla ice cream, smothered in chocolate sauce. I would say my prayers, then go to bed.

Sarah Verbeck - July 31, 2020 at 02:53 PM



“ Oh my, I don't know where to start there are so many wonderful memories. I certainly remember, just as you all do her love for music. Playing barbies on the shag, yellow carpet, while she dusted. The smell of lemon Pledge seeped through the air, while Lionel Richie, " Dancing on the Ceiling" played on the old record player.

Sarah Verbeck - July 31, 2020 at 02:47 PM



“ My favorite place as a child was behind my mother’s leg with my arms wrapped around her knee.

I was so terribly shy as a child, so when other people were around I would run behind her & grab a hold of her leg. She would reach her hand down & rub my back to let me know it was ok. I would feel safe.

All of the wonderful memories as a child that I think of always & see how they have shaped my own family & my life with my daughter.

Mom’s love of art. I remember getting off the school bus & running down the driveway to see mom in the big picture window of the house painting something from a greeting card onto the window. She made the holidays even more special with her talent. That talent was past to my daughter, Stella. She has been inspired by Grandma’s love of angels & animals.

Mom’s love of baking. She would take the extra dough when she was making pies, roll it out, add butter & cinnamon, roll it up & bake it.

It was a wonderful special treat. I do the same for my daughter & now she makes them for me also.

Mom’s love of music. There was always music on the record player or she would sit down play the piano & sing. Even as a teenager, she would listen to what I liked in the car. She just loved music. Music is something I now share with my daughter.

Mom’s love of animals, both living & not...her amazing mouse collection. Growing up on the farm we always had so many animals. I just remember her sitting in the grass with our dog Angel petting & playing with him. As an adult, I came home one time & met her cat Victoria who she taught to not come onto the kitchen floor. She was amazing with animals. Her love for them showed.

I will never be able to walk by a mouse figurine & not think of her & the 1000’s she has. Most of them given to her.

She was an amazing lady & a wonderful mother.

She taught me about love with the relationship with my stepdad. They never went anywhere without each other. Always held hands, kissed & said “I love you”. She was loved by all that knew her.

I will love you always & forever.

Sandra Jones - July 31, 2020 at 11:23 AM



“ I will always cherish my special memories spent with my mother. Growing up on our farm such wonderful fun times. Our house was always spotless, and great smells of food cooking and baking. Mom was always working, except for 1 hour every weekday. She would watch (a soap opera) “As The World Turns” She was the most kindest, caring, beautiful person. Mom was very talented. Her art skills, which were passed on to her 2 granddaughters Sarah and April. She loved music. Mom played the piano, organ, and guitar. I received those skills from her. When she got her first guitar, a free ukulele came with it. I still have it today, displayed. I love music because of her. Mom was always listening to her records. Easy listening, and Herb Alpert. We would watch the Lawrence Welk show. Mom always wore dresses. Even as a farm housewife. She would always dress up to go shopping and Sunday mass. Mom taught me how to ice skate on our farm. She would do figure 8’s. Because of my mother, I love to clean, do laundry, play piano, and eat chicken. She taught me to bake chicken at the age of 8, for Sunday dinner after noon mass. When an adult, mom and I took aerobic classes together at the YWCA. We wore our leotards and tights. Mom had never owned a pair of jeans until she met Vernon, who came into her life. My second Dad.
He treated her like a queen, and loved her so much! They had an RV, and would go camping in Eldora, at Pine Lake. My Mother was an angel, a true gift! I count my blessings every day for my childhood and adult memories spent with her.
Moma, You will always be in my heart!
I will always love you!!!

Deborah Castillo - July 31, 2020 at 10:11 AM



“ Sandra Jones lit a candle in memory of Marlys Jean Fecht



Sandra Jones - July 31, 2020 at 10:03 AM



“ “A mom’s hug last long after she is gone.”
Thank you for the hugs & Thank you for being my mother! Love you forever & always

Sandra Jones - July 31, 2020 at 10:02 AM



“ Deborah Castillo sent a virtual gift in memory of Marlys Jean Fecht



Deborah Castillo - July 31, 2020 at 08:11 AM



“ “ On Angels wings you were taken away, but in my heart you will always stay. “
Mother, you will be loved and missed every day

Deborah Castillo - July 31, 2020 at 08:08 AM



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Deborah Castillo - July 31, 2020 at 07:26 AM



“ Lori O'Connell lit a candle in memory of Marlys Jean Fecht



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