

# Marlene Joanne Kovatch

JANUARY 16, 2024

**Marlene Joanne Kovatch February 26, 1956  
- January 16th, 2024**



With broken hearts, our family announces the passing of Marlene Joanne Kovatch (nee Yaskow) on Tuesday, January 16th, 2024 at the age of 67 years after a brief battle with cancer. Marlene was predeceased by her mother Ruth, father Lionel, father-in-law Andrew, sister-in-law Linda, brother-in-law Ron, and niece Jaycee. Those left behind to cherish her memories is her husband Andy, son Bryce, daughter Leah (Robert), granddaughter Ava, brothers Ivan (Laurie), Bryan (Cindy), and Kevin (Lisa); sister Kathy, and many nephews, nieces, and friends.

Marlene was born and raised in Regina and from an early age had a love for animals which turned into a passion that she shared with her husband on their farm near Edenwold. Marlene found joy in her farm ventures which included cattle and sheep businesses, a fondness to keep numerous birds, and a green thumb for gardening. Anyone who knew Marlene got to experience her spirit through endless entertaining stories about life on the farm. Marlene also showed love through her food, enjoying her career in the food service industry for almost 40 years. After she retired she enjoyed the peaceful life on the farm as well as camping and fishing with her husband; but first and foremost, she cherished her family very deeply. She loved her husband, kids, granddaughter, and dogs more than anything in the world.

Marlene's endless devotion, passion, and fire will be missed dearly.

The family would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to the Regina Pasqua Hospital Palliative Care Unit where Marlene was able to have peace. Thank you to the nurses Janice, Ashley, Sarah, Shawna, and Shannon (and many others) who showed such care to Marlene and her family during this difficult time. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to the Regina Pasqua Hospital Palliative Care Unit in Marlene's loving memory.

The Celebration of Marlene's life will be held at 1:00 pm, Sunday, February 18th, 2024 at the Regina Funeral Home & Cemetery, 4001 E Victoria Ave E, Regina, SK.

### **Look For Me in Rainbows - by Conn Bernard**

Time for me to go now, I won't say goodbye;

Look for me in rainbows, way up in the sky.

In the morning sunrise when all the world is new.

Just look for me and love me,

as you know I loved you.

Time for me to go now, I won't say goodbye;

Look for me in rainbows, high up in the sky.

In the evening sunset,

when all the world is through,

Just look for me and love me,

and I'll be close to you.

It won't be forever, the day will come and then

My loving arms will hold you,

when we meet again.

Time for us to part now, we won't say goodbye;

Look for me in the rainbows, shining in the sky.

Every waking moment, and

all your whole life through

Just look for me and love me,

as you know I loved you.

Just wish me to be near you,

And I'll be there with you.

## Messages of Condolence

I will always cherish time spent with Marlene and Andy growing up. Marlene always made me feel welcome and like part of the family. Condolences to Andy, Leah, Bryce and families.

— **Crystal Lowenberg**

So sorry for your loss

I had the pleasure of working and getting to know Marlene when she worked at IHUH .

She was always talking about her greats loves her family her animals and her joy of cooking .

Treasure your memories

— **Bonny McLean**

So sorry to hear this.

— **Darrell**

We are so very sorry for your loss. I will always cherish the times we had as cousins growing up---our yearly visits. Then as we grew up our adult lives and expanded visits. Marlene's culinary skills were amazing. Her love of family and animals was enormous. Our deepest condolences Andy, Bryce Leah and families.

— **Gail & Ray Litke**

I am so very sorry to hear about Marlene's passing. The years that I worked with her will always be remembered fondly. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

— **Marnie Watkin-Pawelko**

I am so sorry for your loss and may God comfort you in this time . You gave an angel now to look out for you. I really enjoyed Marlene company and her loving spirit.

— **Sam sheppard**

My condolences on your loss. It was a privilege to work with Marlene. Her respect and empathy towards the residents was bar none. Her talent in cooking was enjoyed by all.

— **Cathy Hauck**

I can't begin to feel the devastating loss for Andy, Leah & family and Bryce. Marlene and I shared our long term care cooking career journey together. We cooked together at Parkside, then she moved to Elmveiw when we each supervised our own kitchens. At one time Marlene, her niece Tara Yaskow and I were all colleges supervising the Extendicare nutrition and food services departments in Regina. What a team we were.

I loved Marlene like my family.

I valued her wisdom, her cooking recipes (she taught me how to make the best homemade bread) and her firecracker attitude.

The thing that stands out for me about Marlene is the love she had for her family, home and critters.

I too will miss Marlene. My heart felt sympathy goes to her precious family, all those that were honored to call her a friend.

— **Susan Opresnik**

I knew Marlene when she worked in the food service industry for many years. Always enjoyed our conversations. Such a lovely endearing lady as we chatted lots about our love of pets. I'm sorry for your loss to family & friends.

— **Marg**

So sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Such a great lady who will be missed by all. I enjoyed working with her at Extendicare. So caring, good natured and a wonderful chief.

— **Gail Beggs-LaRiviere**

So sad to hear of Marlene's passing. I fondly remember all of our adventures as young teenagers growing up on Belmont St.

My condolences to Marlene's family including Ivan, Bryan, Kathy and Kevin.

— **Denise**

Andy, Leah and Bryce, and families. My deepest condolences, I enjoyed working with Marlene in Indian Head. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

— **Lorrie**

Our deepest condolences to Andy and family. Marlene will truly be missed by all who knew her!

— **Moe and Christine kovatch**

I am so very sorry to hear of Marlene's passing. She was a wonderful lady. Sincere condolences to all of you.

— **Pam Moffatt**

So sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

— **Rob and Deb Kovatch**

My heart breaks to hear of Marlene's passing. I fondly remember all of our adventures as kids growing up on Belmont St. The time we went to the farm to see her zoo lol We found each other after the sad loss of her mom which who I still miss . She never spoke about this is it is a shock. I am so very sorry to say good again.. But sleep well till we meet one more time..My condolences to Marlene's family including Ivan, Bryan, Kathy and Kevin. Such a big loss

— **Lamoine Maryniak**

We are shocked and saddened by this news. Marlene was one of the nicest people we have ever met. Kind and full of life and so excited for the future in retirement and her new grand daughter. Andy our hearts go out to you and your family. This must be just devastating. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Deepest condolences.

— **Janet & Mike Brodziak**

Andy, Bryce, Leah and family.

My sincerest condolences to your whole family.

— **Sherry Langston**

I am so sad to hear the news about Marlene! I have so many wonderful, fun and crazy memories growing up with her. She introduced me to Patches, and we spent many hours out riding together. My deepest sympathies to all her family.

— **Wendy**

I am so sorry for all the family's loss. I will miss my favorite customer and all our talks we used to have. Rest In Peace Marlene

— **Cheryl Fritz King**



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