



Mrs. Marigene Brewer

September 29, 1944 - January 25, 2018

Marigene Smith Brewer, age 73, of Jefferson City, passed away on January 25, 2018, at St. Mary's Hospital in Jefferson City. She was born September 29, 1944, in Newark, New Jersey, the only child of Edward and Berenice Cobb Smith.

Marigene was a life-long learner and educator. Upon graduating high school in Cahokia, Illinois, Marigene moved to New York State where she obtained her teaching certificate. She continued her educational pursuits culminating in achieving her Master of Arts in Teaching. Her journey as an educator took her from teacher to counselor, principal, educational consultant, and through her retirement from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Along the way she spent several years teaching in Colorado correctional institutions, working largely with Native American teenagers and young adults. Following her retirement, she continued teaching as a substitute in the Jefferson City area.

On January 1, 1997, Marigene was united in marriage to Michael Brewer, who survives at the home. The couple enjoyed traveling throughout Missouri and across the country, taking several extended trips in recent years. They were particularly fond of visiting Colorado to view the mountains and to watch the Aspens change foliage. They were supporters of the small theater. They held season tickets for the Lyceum Theater in Arrow Rock, taking their grandchildren to see a play each year. Marigene was also an avid reader, frequenting the local library to check out several new books on a weekly

basis.

Marigene volunteered at the Missouri River Regional Library, and spent several years working with the Learning in Retirement group in Jefferson City, serving on the LIR Board and coordinating many activities and projects. Marigene fought a courageous battle with cancer, showing tremendous strength in the face of adversity and teaching her family how to live each day to its fullest.

In addition to her husband Michael, Marigene is survived by two aunts, Elmetta Willis of Poplar Bluff, and Marie (Ninky) Wolpers and husband Jerry of Perry, MO, numerous cousins, three step children, Paula Brewer Mraz and husband Ray of High Ridge, Ross Brewer and wife Pok Suk of Colorado Springs, CO, and Kurt Brewer and wife Justina of Russellville, six step grandchildren, Ray, Robyn, Joshua, Kara, Justin, and Grace, and one step great-grandchild Jordan. Marigene was preceded in death by her parents. Marigene will be interred with her parents during a family service at Valhalla Cemetery in St. Louis. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Dreams to Reality Boutique in Jefferson City.

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Cemetery

7600 St Charles Rock Road
St Louis, MO 63133

Previous Events

Reception

FEB 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Valhalla Funeral Chapel, Crematory and Cemetery
7600 St. Charles Rock Road
St. Louis, MO 63133
(314) 721-4900

Graveside Service

FEB 9. 12:15 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Mike and family,
We were so saddened to learn when we talked with you last that Marigene was in such ill health. Back when we all worked together at DESE we not only enjoyed our work, but enjoyed working with each other! Marigene was a lot of fun as well as a good friend. Take care. So sorry for your loss. KAREN AND GAVIN ALLAN

Karen Allan - February 10, 2018 at 09:12 AM

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“ Marigene was a remarkable, intelligent, wonderful woman and blessing to our family. Spending Thanksgivings in Jefferson City with her and Grandpa Mike were something I looked forward to year after year. Family gatherings won't be the same without her beautiful smile and quiet grace. My thoughts, prayers & love are with the rest of our family. God bless.

Robyn Mraz - February 07, 2018 at 09:51 PM

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“ It was an honor to have Marigene as part of our family. She and Dad were such a cute couple and it was good to see him happy again. My own bucket list has been modified to include several places that they visited due to how much they enjoyed it. It was fun to see what a great relationship she had with my nieces and nephews. She was a wonderful grandmother to them. She will be missed by all.

paula mraz - February 07, 2018 at 09:18 PM