



Marion Belle Bender

October 22, 1936 - March 11, 2026

Marion Belle Bender passed away on March 11, 2026, at the age of 89. Born on October 22, 1936, to Edwin and Marie (Bergman) Seiler in St. Louis, Missouri. She worked many years for the St. Louis Post Dispatch.

Marion was a devoted lover of all animals, finding profound joy in her daily visits to Carondelet Park, where she and her sister, Dorothy worked as a team and took on the noble role of caretaker for the ducks. Her commitment to this task was not just a pastime; it was a passion that she undertook with unparalleled pride and authority. Marion will be remembered for her gentle spirit and the kindness she extended to all animals.

A talented musician, Marion found solace and expression at the piano, where her love for music resonated deeply.

Marion is survived by her sister, Dorothy Dick of St. Louis, Missouri; nephew, William Hubbs and wife Mary of Wentzville, Missouri; and niece, Bonnie Gardiner of O'Fallon, Missouri.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Graham Faulkner and second husband, Edwin Bender; her parents; sisters: Shirley Seiler and Leatrice Hubbs; and nephew, Donald Mattison.

A private graveside service will be held at Valhalla Cemetery, 7600 St. Charles Rock Road, St. Louis, Missouri.

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Cemetery

7600 St Charles Rock Road
St Louis, MO 63133