



Marilyn Rose Mrkvicka

January 18, 1953 - October 9, 2014

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RACINE - Marilyn R. Mrkvicka, 61, passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 9, 2014 at Wheaton Franciscan Health Care-All Saints. Marilyn was a lifelong resident of Racine, born on January 18, 1953, the daughter of E. Peter and Geraldine "Gerrie" (nee: LeClair) Mrkvicka. She was a graduate of Washington Park High School "Class of 1971". Marilyn was employed as an English Teacher at Washington Park High School. She was very active as Coach of Washington Park High School Pom Pon Squad. Marilyn was a member of Belle City Brassworks for many years. She also was a very active member of Holy Communion Lutheran Church.

Marilyn is survived by her father, E. Peter Mrkvicka; brothers, Allen Mrkvicka of Robbinsdale, MN and Steven (Alison) Mrkvicka Sr. of Racine, nephew, Steven Mrkvicka Jr. of Racine; two nieces, Kristen (Nikia) Mrkvicka Morris of Racine and Adrienne Mrkvicka of Des Moines, IA; two great nieces, Alexia Mrkvicka and Myah Caron of Racine. In addition she is further survived by aunts, uncles, other relatives and many dear friends, including her church family and former students.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her mother, Gerrie on January 28, 1996. Funeral services will be held at Holy Communion Lutheran Church, 2000 W. 6th Street on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 7 p.m. with Rev. Mark Doidge officiating. There will be a visitation at the church before services on Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

For those wishing to attend the interment at West Lawn Memorial Park, please meet at the cemetery entrance on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 11 a.m. Memorials to Holy Communion Lutheran Church or to American Cancer Society, 234 W. Florida St., Milwaukee, WI 53204 have been suggested by the family.

A special thank you to Dr. Mullane and his staff and to Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare Hospice for the loving care provided to Marilyn.

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Ave
Racine, WI 53406

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **14**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Holy Communion Lutheran Church
2000 W. 6th Street
Racine, WI

Funeral Service

OCT **14**. 7:00 PM (CT)

Holy Communion Lutheran Church
2000 W. 6th Street
Racine, WI

Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Marilyn Rose Mrkvicka*



Sturino Funeral Home - October 13, 2014 at 01:52 PM

CF

“ *Did I tell you that I miss you?*

Happy birthday Mrk. There is not a day that goes by that I do not think about you. I miss discussing lesson plans with you and bagging about ones that were implemented well.



Chris Fabio - January 18, 2015 at 12:23 PM

DA

“ *Thank you for all you have done and the great spirit you instilled in all of your students through the years! Your smile was always contagious and you made students feel at ease whenever you were around :-)*

D.A. (Rorek) Albright



DAA - October 15, 2014 at 01:20 PM

J(

“ My condolences to Mrk's family. I was on the Washington Park Pom-Pon squad from 1990-1994. These were the first years of the squad getting involved with Badgerette Competitions, competing at Midwest and her encouraging us compete in individual and duel competitions as well. She always wanted the best for the squad and worked hard to make sure we became the best. So many great memories from back then, one of my favorites was the “Mud Routine” at Horlick Field. It had rained for days before – but we still went out at halftime in our white, blue and orange uniforms and did our routine – high kicks, splits and all – in the mud. We all ended up covered head to toe in mud...and it was awesome. For my 18th birthday, Mrk let the squad hold up poster board signs at the beginning of the routine announcing it was my birthday (I think it was a basketball game vs. Case High School) and the auditorium preceded to sing happy birthday with Mrk smiling at the side of the court. I was lucky enough to work with Mrk and the squad for several years after I graduated high school, coming back during summer break to help write routines. She even invited me to judge try-outs a few years. I moved to Texas but still saw her several times on visits home, and she met my children. I have such fond memories for my time at WPHS with Mrk as a mentor, coach and friend. She was good at listening when you needed a shoulder to cry on. R.I.P. Mrk. May you rest in peace.

Jeni Williams (Green) - October 14, 2014 at 03:24 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marilyn Rose Mrkvicka.



October 14, 2014 at 01:15 PM

MM

“ It has been an honor knowing this beautiful soul! We only saw each other once a year at Midwest but she was such a wonderful, caring, beautiful lady. She is dancing in heaven right now, I just know it! Rest in peace pretty lady! xoxo

Michele -- Pinckney, MI - October 14, 2014 at 06:09 AM

MS

“ I become short of breath when I think of MrK's passing. She was always so up and friendly to me. It was refreshing to be treated so kindly! I will miss her often. She was an extra "shiny spot" in Racine Concert Band, and that wasn't just her French Horn! My kindest thoughts go out to all her family and friends. She will be missed, but lives on in our fondest of memories. :)

Michelle G. Stauder - October 13, 2014 at 01:38 PM

TR

“ Just wanted to say what an honor it was to have known MrK, she was a inspiration in my life. The concern and care I seen her show students was awesome, they knew she was in their corner. Rest in peace MrK you will be missed but not forgotten.

Tina Riley - October 13, 2014 at 10:51 AM

NJ

“ Mrk cared about everyone! I was lucky enough to know Her as a friend and she knew all three of my children. My two oldest had her as a teacher and they loved her she pushed them to succeed and I am forever greatful. They now have someone watching from above. Thank you Mrk

nicole jones - October 13, 2014 at 09:19 AM

DF

“ Mrk...wow..words cannot describe the strangeness that i feel seeing your name here. There are certain people in one's life, that you feel are invincible. You were one of those people to me. I am grateful to know that you are no longer in any sort of pain and that you are up there getting a team together with Dawnie. Till we all meet again!!

Dawn Cain Friend - October 13, 2014 at 08:29 AM

VC

“ Marilyn ,
You have more than earned your angel wings!
Every where you went you left Panther prints
and heart prints. Your life has inspired so
many ,you are a true touch of grace. Your
Poms will continue to work for MRK ! I know you will be watching
them from the grand stands and they will be looking up and smiling !
Heaven has earned a very special angel and I am proud to say that
I HAVE BEEN TOUCHED BY THAT ANGEL , first as a former
student, then a church member ,and most importantly a friend . A
friend who was there when we walked into chemo for the first time
with her arms wide open and her smile from ear to ear ready to
comfort us in our time of need. We will always remember you for the
loving ,compassionate person you are .We will continue to fight the
fight in honor of you and all our other loved ones that have been
touched by cancer ! REST IN PEACE !



Vicki Chavez and family

Vicki Chavez - October 13, 2014 at 07:49 AM

SB

“ *Sandy Bink lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Rose Mrkvicka*



Sandy Bink - October 13, 2014 at 07:38 AM

AP

“ *Mrk always brought joy everywhere she went. She will be dearly missed by the members of the Racine Concert Band.*

Alyssa Piela - October 12, 2014 at 09:00 PM

CF

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Chris Fabio - October 12, 2014 at 03:05 PM

JA

“ *In Marilyn's teenage years she was a confirmation student of mine. I remember her as being thoughtful and quiet. I am very sad at your loss. May you find comfort in the remarkable life she led. She will be remembered for many things but for me she made the life of a single woman something to inspire others. Be at peace.*

Jacki Andersen - October 12, 2014 at 06:34 AM

PK

“ Marilyn you were one no you were the best teacher Park ever had
may you rest in peace
now Marilyn

Patrick Karls - October 11, 2014 at 07:46 PM

DT

“ Dennis Thompson lit a candle in memory of
Marilyn Rose Mrkvicka



Dennis Thompson - October 11, 2014 at 03:38 PM

DD

“ Dorothy A Dunai lit a candle in memory of
Marilyn Rose Mrkvicka



Dorothy A Dunai - October 11, 2014 at 02:48 PM

DD

“ 2 files added to the album New Album Name

in my class & experiencing
you as my T.A. You are a
great worker — & by God,
may one day succeed. I'm
still working at it.
Good luck & best wishes
always & try not to forget



Dorothy Dunai - October 11, 2014 at 02:42 PM

GZ

“ *My high school experience was truly enhanced by having Mrk as a pom coach .She always treated us with respect and fairness. Mrk knew how to be our friend while still being our adult mentor. She simply made it fun to be on the squad. I will always have fond memories of those time thanks to her. My thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time.*

Gina {Defatte} Zaug class of 1984

gina zaug - October 11, 2014 at 01:41 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Marilyn Rose Mrkvicka.*



October 11, 2014 at 10:43 AM



“ *I knew of her since my days at Park High over 20 years ago she was my 11th English teacher and she was great person everyone loved her well respected may she RIP now*

John Sura - October 11, 2014 at 09:47 AM

CF

“ From the first day we met Marilyn in Elks Youth Band (she was my senior, i was her rookie) - to the last visit we had with her a few years back - Marilyn was always that special friend. In time of our personal crisis - Marilyn stepped up and helped - without a second thought. It was almost 37 years to the day, that Marilyn was in our wedding. She had just gotten her job at Park HS....it was a fun time - sharing lots of laughs and stories. Many many hours were spent laughing and crying in all our years of visits here in Minnesota. There is no person Jim or I know - that could ever hold a candle to Marilyn - she had more love, respect and integrity than ANY other person we know. This world has lost a wonderful person. I thank God for all our memories - no one will ever be able to take those from us. Marilyn WILL be greatly missed. Our hearts are broken. Love - Jim and Carol Foss

Carol Foss - October 11, 2014 at 09:12 AM

CB

“ I will always remember you .you were one of my favorite teachers at park high. Heaven is lucky to have a wonerful woman like you. My prayers to your fanily.
Carol bishop class of 1980

carol bishop - October 11, 2014 at 08:09 AM

LB

“ Mrk and I met during training for the Educational Process, and we became a team with Jill Dickert in training RUSD staff. Mrk was generous to a fault, encouraging, positive, outgoing and fun. She made everyone feel at ease. She loved teaching, but even more she loved her Poms. She really devoted her life to them. I am saddened by her passing.

lissy blandford - October 11, 2014 at 03:27 AM

MS

“ Marilyn was a good friend all the years I taught at Park. I respected her so much as a teacher and coach. God rest her soul.

Michael Snider - October 11, 2014 at 01:23 AM

JU

“ Marilyn played the french horn in the Racine Concert Band . She was a great friend always encouraged people member of Park PTSA. She cared about her students. I will miss her and miss seeing her at the Park games. I was blessed to know her



Julie.McKenna - October 10, 2014 at 10:59 PM

JU

“ Julie.McKenna lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Rose Mrkvicka



Julie.McKenna - October 10, 2014 at 10:51 PM

CF

“ I would never be the teacher that I am today without Mrk's guidance.

Fabio



Chris Fabio - October 10, 2014 at 10:43 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Remember Marilyn from Elks Marching Band. Heaven has gained an angel!

Patricia Platt - October 10, 2014 at 08:14 PM



“ Patricia Platt lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Rose Mrkvicka



Patricia Platt - October 10, 2014 at 08:12 PM



“ My deepest sympathies and condolences to Mrs. Mrkvicka's family, co-workers, and friends at her loss. I have watched Facebook absolutely blow up overnight with literally generations of students expressing their condolences and grief over her death, so please know that she is highly regarded by all of us who knew her and that she made an impact on innumerable lives. She will be sorely missed.



Renee M. Sus - October 10, 2014 at 07:07 PM

CS

“ I had Mrk for a Pom coach at park from '92-'95. She was awesome! She made us a great squad with her dedication and she truly cared about us like we were her kids. At camp one year, while practicing a flip, I landed on my head and suffered a concussion. Mrk woke up every hour as instructed, to wake me up every hour, making sure I was still coherent. She also made me wear my neck brace for the performances after. I did not want to, but she said I couldn't perform with the group if I didn't. She was always looking out for us! I was so sad to hear that she passed. The world was definitely lucky to have such a kind person in it and I'm so glad I knew her.

Casey Stanton - October 10, 2014 at 06:42 PM

PB

“ Marilyn was my Pom Pon coach at Park high school. Graduate of 1980. I am truly sorry to hear of her passing. Thank you for being such a warm and caring person that you always have been and always will be.

Peggy (Nelson) Bolle - October 10, 2014 at 06:33 PM

J Bone
Wilson

“ My name is Jessica Wilson. MRK was my english teacher at Park High School Class of '92. And i was her teachers assistant my senior year. THE MOST THING ABOUT MRK WAS SHE ALWAYS HAD A SMILE ON HER FACE NO MATTER WHAT SHE WAS GOING THROUGH. SHE TAUGHT ME TO B STRONG WITH EVERYTHING I WAS GOING THROUGH AND SHE ALWAYS SAID " STAY TRUE AND WRITE FROM YOUR HEART !"MRK U ARE GONNA B TRUELY MISSED FROM DA GRADUATES AT PARK AND FROM PARK HIGH ITS SELF. MAY U REST IN HEAVEN WITH NO MORE WORRIES AND PAIN. LUV U MRK AND WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER U.



J Bone Wilson - October 10, 2014 at 05:54 PM

AG

“ I day didn't go by that I didn't see her smiling face in the halls. She will be missed by so many.

Angela Gist
Class of '89

Angela Gist - October 10, 2014 at 04:39 PM

NR

“ She was an awesome person and teacher.

nancy renpaul - October 10, 2014 at 03:31 PM