



## Marlene C. Sheruda

November 12, 1937 - August 2, 2022

### IN MEMORY OF:

Marlene C. Sheruda

#### Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – EGYPTIAN MEMORIAL GARDENS  
3208 South Park Avenue, Energy, Illinois

Marlene Sheruda, 84, long-time resident of Marion, IL, most recently of Clearwater, FL passed away on August 2, 2022.

She was the eldest child of parents Robert "Bob" Comer and Edna Fischgrabe Comer, born November 12, 1937 in Pasadena, California. Marlene spent her early years in Pasadena, before moving to Texas. She graduated from Moody High School in 1955 and received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Baylor University in Waco, TX in 1959.

Marlene was married to Ronald Scott for 10 years, and with whom she had three children: Bob, Anne, and Greg Scott. She later enjoyed nearly 28 years of marriage to Harry Sheruda until his death in 2003. In her later years, Marlene enjoyed the companionship of Eugene Chmielewski for over 12 years. Following Eugene's death, Marlene relocated to Clearwater, FL to be

closer to family.

While a Senior in high school, Marlene was named the "Betty Crocker Homemaker of the Year" for the State of Texas, and while in college studied abroad for a summer in Mexico City, sparking a life-long love of travel. Upon graduation from college Marlene taught school in Kansas City and California. Marlene then passed the state social work exam and began practicing as a social worker while still living in Southern CA; this was impressive, as she had never taken a single social work course in college. After moving to Illinois in 1968, she was hired as a social worker for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and spent nearly forty years in the job she loved - supporting foster parents and foster children, as well as licensing daycare centers throughout Southern Illinois.

Another passion for Marlene was traveling. She would often proudly say she visited 49 of the 50 states, somehow missing North Dakota! She also traveled extensively overseas including trips to Egypt, Israel, England, Germany, New Zealand, and Ukraine. Mom never saw a "brown sign" (signifying a tourist area or scenic site) that she didn't stop at. And every trip she ever took was the "best one ever."

Marlene was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Marion, IL for more than 40 years, where she also served as an elder and was active in many groups and studies. Anyone who knew Marlene, knew how generous she was of her time and money. She supported dozens of charities and was an avid supporter of the Marion Medical Mission which builds shallow wells, schools and hospitals throughout Africa.

Marlene is survived by her younger sister Gail (Jack) Davis of Fort Worth, TX; her three children: Robert (Linley) Scott of Clearwater, FL, Anne Scott of Christchurch, New Zealand, and Greg (Robin) Scott of Jacksonville, FL; and

her eight grandchildren: Andrew Scott, Grayson Scott, Emma Scott, Miriam (Guarav) Williams, Che (Anna) Williams, Raphael Williams, Zoe (Jaram) Williams, and Thomas Scott

A memorial service hosted by the family will be held for Marlene at the First Presbyterian Church of Marion, IL on Tuesday, October 11, 2022; visitation from 9:30-11:00 a.m.; service at 11:00 a.m., with a graveside committal service to follow at Egyptian Memorial Gardens (Hwy 148 just north of Illinois 13, next to the Williamson County Airport). Family and friends are welcome to a Celebratory Luncheon at Walt's Pizzeria at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to either of Marlene's favorite charities, Marion Medical Mission or the Alzheimer's Association.

Graveside committal service arrangements have been entrusted to Crain Funeral Home Egyptian Chapel in Energy.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 11. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
Marion, IL 62959

## Memorial Service

OCT 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
Marion, IL 62959

## Graveside Inurnment

OCT 11. 12:00 PM (CT)

Egyptian Memorial Gardens  
3208 S. Park Ave.  
Energy, IL 62933  
(618) 942-6051  
crain@crainsonline.com

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marlene C. Sheruda*

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October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Marlene and I worked together for a number of years in Marion. We shared a love for our work. Something I loved about Marlene (and there were many things) was her sudden burst of laughter over a dry bit of humor, it was infectious.*

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**Debbie Greer Brewer** - October 10, 2022 at 01:47 PM



“ *As with all who knew her, I am saddened by the passing of my dear friend, Marlene. She was a special person and one I greatly admired and loved as a friend. Her kind and caring nature is an example of what people should aspire. Deepest sympathies to Bob, Anne, and Grag and the entire family.*

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**Roger D Norman** - September 30, 2022 at 10:07 AM