



Ms. Marlene Winstead Lowing

February 1, 1955 - July 5, 2023

Marlene Winstead Lowing, a native of Mobile, AL, was born on Feb 1, 1955 and passed from this life on July 5, 2023. She is preceded in death by her parents Marvin, Sr and Aurelia Winstead and her husband, James Lowing. She is survived by her children Anna and Ron Hartley and Sarah Huett; grandchildren David Hartley, Deanna and Trent Howell, Alyssa Hartley, Max Hartley and Dexter Huett; great grandson Leonardo Howell; brother Marvin, Jr and Barbara Winstead; niece Jessica Winstead; and a host of extended family and friends.

Marlene was incredibly talented. She was a member of the Murphy Panther band. She played clarinet during marching season and contra bass clarinet for concert season. She graduated in 1973. She could also be seen on stage as a Pixie Player at the Pixie Playhouse or at Joe Jefferson Playhouse. She revived her stage presence with her children in 2009, where she could be seen at Chickasaw Civic Theater. She also played guitar and piano, sang in church choirs and love to cross-stitch. She was an LPN at Mobile Infirmery for many years, working in both outpatient surgery and general surgery. She was Queen Grace I of the Daughters of Grace O'Malley, May you have fair winds and following seas.

A celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date, as well as a private graveside service.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Praise Family Church
2605 Dawes Rd
Mobile, AL 36695

Tribute Wall

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“ I was so saddened when I saw this. I have thought about Marlene over the years and today I decided to look her up on Facebook to get back in contact with her. I'm so sorry. Marlene and I became friends in 7th grade band class at Azalea Middle School. We hit it off right away because we both were in love with the Monkees. We stayed friends all through school even though I ended up going to a different high school. After she got married, she moved off with her husband and we corresponded for awhile. She even sent me a birth announcement when Anna was born but we lost touch after that. I guess we were just busy raising our families. . . I remember her as a very talented, fun and interesting person who had all kinds of different and unique friends. I admired her for that. I loved her family, too, especially her mom. Whenever I spent the night with Marlene, her mom would bring us coffee in bed the next morning and was always making cookies and candy for us. It looks like Marlene had a very full and good life so I am glad for that. I pray the Lord will continue to be with the family even now. Love to you all. . .
Sherry Shelton

Sherry Shelton - November 15, 2023 at 03:53 PM

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“ Marlen has been a part of my family since we came to Mobile in 1982. She readily accepted this Yankee who didn't speak southern. She quickly became my good friend and translator. When I didn't understand southern and when I didn't understand medical speak she was there to help. We had many adventures and even started writing a book together. Our favorite movie was Hercules because we identified with the two characters Pain and Panic. If you are familiar with them you should know who's who. Marlene had a gift. She knew just when I needed her and she would show up or call. I loved to see her smile. She once said she wanted to see a manatee when we were out on the jet skis. I told her we'd pray about it. We did and when we were docking Marlene fell off. I was trying to pull her up on the dock but we were both laughing so hard we weren't making headway when out of the blue a Manatee swam right up next to her. I think God liked to see her smile too. I know God has always had his hand on her so I know they are walking hand in hand now. I will miss you dearly friend.

Becky Ling - July 18, 2023 at 11:57 AM

 Max
Hartley

“ As one of her grandsons, I felt particularly close to Marlene during my childhood. There were many times in my life I would be overwhelmed by the world we are in, and if you look around you can see why, but importantly, so could she. She saw the way I saw the world for what it was at such a young age and she always offered her home, arms, and wisdom to me. She, on occasion, would have to tell my father off for being a bit too harsh on me, leading him to apologize. My mimi brought out the better in every person's life that she graced with her presence, and she led me to becoming the person I am today. Her absence will be missed beyond explanation.

Max Hartley - July 17, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ms. Marlene Winstead Lowing.*



July 15, 2023 at 03:01 PM



“ *Marlene was a wonderful person and my sister-in-law. She will always be remembered with much love. Prayers for our family 🙏*

Barbara Winstead - July 11, 2023 at 10:17 PM



“ *Marlene was a wonderful soul and I was blessed to have known her, through the Scottish Society of Mobile. My heart and prayers are with you at this time.*

Cynthia McDonald Zakrzewski - July 10, 2023 at 08:12 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Your Mom sounds like an amazing woman.*

Anne Godwin - July 10, 2023 at 04:26 PM

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“ Marlen was , indeed, talented and creative. Her friendship was a blessing to me when we shared church family. My favorite memory is of producing 2 woman vignettes depicting Biblical women from the pulpit of Azalea Hills Christian Church. Of those , the most memorable was a chilling fictional conversation between 2 women in pain - the mother of Jesus and the mother of Judas. She was forever willing to offer her gifts and her guitar, her time and dedication for the Lord with whom she now resides.

Linda Ingram - July 10, 2023 at 01:43 PM