

Marlene Yvonne Carhart

November 2, 1936 — January 20, 2023



Marlene Y. Carhart, of Cheltenham Maryland, passed away on January 20, 2023 at the age of 86. She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Joseph Carhart. Marlene was born on November 2, 1936 in Youngstown, Ohio, to the late Dominic and Dorathey Chianese . She and her two sisters Margaret Decker (Vernon) of Jackson, MS and Virginia Taft (Tim) of Youngstown, OH were raised within a large, boisterous, and loving extended family. The stories of cooking for so many at every holiday have become family lore and many of the recipes have been handed down to the current generation. Perhaps those years of helping cook

for so many contributed to the bounty of leftovers that eventually filled all our refrigerators.

She fed everyone, but she did more than that. Marlene nurtured people. She leaves behind two children, daughter Christina O'Brien (Michael) and son, Dominic Carhart (Crystal Chambers) who already miss her deeply. She was the mom who volunteered at school, baked cookies, and had hot chocolate waiting for the post-snowman-building warm-up. More importantly, she always had time to listen. She gave good advice, whether you wanted to hear it or not. She had that "mom look" that let everyone know she meant business.

She helped raise a number of children. There were Easter Egg Hunts and so many get together with the neighbors who were like family. Her years as an in-home daycare provider simply enlarged her extended family to include the parents who looked to her for advice and the kids who called her Aunt Marlene or NeNe. She was also a volunteer foster mother for babies awaiting adoption through Catholic Charities. There was no baby she couldn't calm. She was an active parishioner at Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Upper Marlboro, Maryland since 1972. She taught CCD for many years and

was especially fond of teaching second grade, where she prepared students to receive the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion for the first time.

The light of her life was her grandson, Christopher O'Brien. His younger years included an unexpectedly large number of lightsaber fights, kitchen hockey games and games with his Grammy. In later years, she loved watching him play soccer and wanted to hear all about his adventures and achievements. Anyone who talked to her for more than five minutes knew all about him and saw his pictures.

In addition to her children and sisters, she leaves behind many nieces, nephews, God-children, neighbors and friends. Marlene will be remembered on Thursday, February 2. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church

St. Joseph Center

11700 Duley Station Road Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

11:00 am

Visitation before mass beginning at 9:30

The church will livestream the service through their website:

<https://www.mostholyroarychurch.org/>

and Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/mostholyroaryparish>

Graveside service immediately following at

Resurrection Cemetery

8000 Woodyard Road

Clinton, MD 20735

<https://www.leefuneralhomes.com/obituaries/marlene-carhart>