



Marilyn Harris Taggart

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Whirling dervish Marilyn Taggart, voted most likely to randomly appear at your door gifting half a Chick-fil-A sandwich (having eaten the other half), or some other delightful treat you never knew you had a craving for. She liked to bring nearby construction workers homemade soup, or leave little snacks in their trucks for their drive home. She was known for gifting the oddest thing she could find in the thrift shop: think porcelain nurse doll holding a tray of syringes, or a creepy clown head rotating by its neck on a windup music box to "Send in the Clowns."

Marilyn's generosity was as boundless as her love of people, as limitless as her energy and her joie de vivre. She was smart, fun, loving and devoted. She never met a stranger, because somehow strangers were inspired to share their life story with her. She made friends with people of all age groups, lifestyles and nationalities. She loved people and she was adored by all who met her.

Marilyn is survived by her daughters, Hilary Giffin (Dan), Cassie Taggart (Richard Rice), her grandchildren, Liam and Lindsey Giffin, and her many beloved friends. She also leaves behind her cherished mustachioed cat, Max.

Marilyn Harris Taggart was born in 1935 and grew up in Delaware, Ohio. She reminisced often about her idyllic childhood and adolescence near the banks of the Olentangy River. She graduated from Hyatts high school in 1953.

Marilyn worked her way through college, and eventually graduated with a Master's Degree from Ohio State.

She married John Taggart, and moved to New York City where Marilyn taught nursery school and wood shop at First Presbyterian Church. They had two daughters, Hilary and Cassie, who they raised in Manhattan. In the 1960's they purchased a beach house at the Seastrand community in



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Rehoboth. Marilyn loved spending her summers there and made many life-long friends, who became like family to her.

After 23 years of marriage, Marilyn and Jack divorced. She soon after met Hank Quintero, the love of her life, and moved to Potomac Maryland. As a couple, they spent as much time as possible in Rehoboth Beach. They had great fun together and cherished their time with family and friends.

After 33 years together, she lost her beloved Hank in 2018. Eventually, she decided to make Delaware her permanent home and she moved to Milton. She died after a fall on August 17, 2023.

Services will be private. Final care has been entrusted to Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, Lewes, DE.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

Services are private.



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Paul Boyer posted:

Hilary and Cassie, I just saw Marilyn's obituary and had a huge grin as I read it. Priceless! You nailed your Mom. She's in my heart and I will think of her whenever I walk back up the beach to Seastrand. - Paul

November 30 at 5:33 PM



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JA

Jack Austin posted:

Hilary and Cassie I'm so sorry for your loss. I loved the summers hanging out at your place and that cool yellowish car.

September 4 at 11:22 PM



William Austin February 13 at 5:10 PM

It's hard to believe you have kids. I'm so happy for you and your husband. I guess I should stop with the how much I loved you stuff, sorry , but so true. I wish you the best at being a great mom and



William Austin February 13 at 5:07 PM

Alot*



William Austin February 13 at 5:06 PM

I don't do FB. But still think of you slot.



Hilary Giffin September 13 at 1:00 PM

That is very sweet and I surely don't deserve those sentiments! I still have a picture of you working the waterslide! Are you on Facebook? Maybe we can connect there.



Jack Austin September 12 at 6:53 AM

That's not all I wanted to say. This is the part I didn't want to pass. Hilary, I was so in love with you for quite awhile. Your beauty made me nervous and I never tried to kiss you. We were kids, but the love I had for you lasted longer than that. I'll never forget you Hilary. I'll never forget your mother and her gentle way. I'll never forget Cassie, quiet back then , but I'm guessing not so quiet now. I loved your whole family, you all were a huge part in my being.



Jack Austin September 12 at 6:45 AM

Well, this is as good time as ever and I'm not going to let it pass. Your mom having to get a driver to cross the bay bridge 😊



Hilary Giffin September 8 at 3:29 AM

Thank you for your nice message, Jack. Our mom always reported to us seeing you around town! Hope all is well with you!



Jack Austin September 5 at 6:27 AM

Having said that, I hope your lives have been good. I think of those summers often. Your place , you didn't have to knock. Mrs Taggart , was the most kind woman I think I ever met. When those summers were over I'd bump into her in Lewes more than once. Just the best a woman can be.



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Kim Webb lit a candle in honor of Marilyn.



September 4 at 11:06 AM



Jack Austin September 12 at 3:32 PM

I don't know if my previous comments came through? I'm gonna make a rhyme. Hilary I've loved you all this time.



Jack Austin September 12 at 3:29 PM

Mrs. Taggart was the best, so cool and calm.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Marilyn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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