



## Marcia Poulsen

May 11, 1937 - December 11, 2021

Mom was born on May 11, 1937, two days after Mother's Day, to Clarence and Dorothy Bocken, who interestingly enough were married on Christmas Day. Her given name was Marcia Yvonne Bocken. Seven years later her sister, Nancy, was born. Mom adored her sister and loved her like a mother loves her child.

Perhaps some of the reason Mom's heart was so full of love for Nancy was because they lost their mother to a sudden illness when Marcia was only seven years old. Mom was very private about her life, but she did share a few stories of how she raised Nancy like a daughter, making sure her needs were met and shown the love that every child needs to flourish. Mom told stories of how in her teen years she had to manage their household – pay bills, cook meals, wash clothes, etc. – due to some very sad, unfortunate circumstances.

But somehow, in all of that hardship, Mom still held on to her childhood by excelling in her studies, becoming a cheerleader, and also was active in attending Youth for Christ, where she would come to know Jesus as her personal Savior, and meet the love of her life, the star football player, Larry. Larry and Marcia were married October 15, 1955. She was a beautiful bride and Dad was, of course, handsome as ever. Dad held Mom's heart for sure! Recently we found written on a random piece of paper, "The Man, The Myth, the Legend – Dynamite!" She loved her "Big Lar"!

Marcia and Larry were blessed by God with two rambunctious boys – Mike and John. Many memories were made raising her boys while living on King Court and then in their home in St. John. Oh, the stories Mom could share about those boys!

Mom loved her boys. She was always eager to drop everything she was doing to listen to their stories about their day. She loved her grandchildren, Tom, Laurel and Jonathan. She also adored her great-grands – Ben, Alexia, Alaina, James, Eleanore, Mabel and Lydia. She would spend many hours on the phone chatting with her boys and grandchildren about many different things.

Marcia was a gifted woman. She was an artist, loved decorating her home with great detail, a seamstress, a great cook, and loved music. Mom especially loved violin and cello music. Perhaps the love for music was inherited to her by her mother who could play any stringed instrument – including the ukulele.

Marcia had a tender heart towards God's creation. She loved nature. She was intrigued by the habits of animals, especially birds. Birds brought her a lot of joy. She fed them even when it was difficult for her to get outside. In her lifetime, she owned African Grey Parrots, Cockatiels, Love Birds, and Parakeets. She trained them to speak. The parrots had an impressive vocabulary. One of her parrots sounded just like Dad. Mom also loved her dogs. Sometimes the family would tease her that she loved her dogs more than her children. She trained them well, and loved spoiling them.

In Marcia's last years of her life, she suffered with pain. It became harder for her to walk. The turmoil in life brought much fear and anxiety. But when Dad went to be with his Savior, she began a beautiful journey of turning to God for her peace, refuge and strength. She began to once again find joy in God's

Word and “good ole’ southern gospel music” which she called “real music”. She loved the preaching on SBN.

Mom is with her Savior now. She is reunited in heaven with many friends and loved ones including her husband, Larry, and sister, Nancy.

“Peace, I leave with you; My peace I give you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, Neither let it be afraid.” John 14:27

No public services will be held. In leui of flowers, donations can be made to Northwest Indiana Food Bank under Marcia’s name.

# Cemetery Details

## Memory Lane Memorial Park

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