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Marlene was born on January 13, 1969 in Omaha, NE to Otto Borne and Vera Borne (Streitz). She grew up in Omaha and graduated from Benson High School in 1987. As a kid, Marlene loved riding horses, singing in the choir, and playing piano. One of the proudest moments in Marlene's life was becoming a mother to Tony; she loved to watch him play football as he grew up. On September 9, 2000, Marlene married the love of her life, Griffen "Jody" Bruner, in Omaha, NE. Shortly thereafter, they moved to Valley. Marlene quickly realized how much she disliked the lake houses in Valley, as she was a woman who enjoyed the simpler things in life.

Her love of animals was instilled in her from a young age. She had a special place in her heart for horses, but she loved all animals. This may be why one of Marlene's biggest pet peeves was people who littered; she didn't want people's trash ruining animals' habitats. Caring for horses isn't an easy task, but Marlene was always sure to make sure all their needs were met and they were comfortable. She learned the importance of hard work- a skill that followed her into adulthood.

When she wasn't out riding horses, she enjoyed relaxing with a glass of Merlot and was known to be a connoisseur of wine. She also enjoyed cheering on the Huskers, listening to classic rock and country music, and during the Christmas season she was always excited to watch her favorite movie, *White Christmas*. Marlene was an excellent cook, but when she wasn't in the mood to cook, she frequented Farmer Brown's where she enjoyed a steak and lobster dinner. Her faith was also important to her, and she was an active member of United Faith Community Church.

Those who knew Marlene well knew what a beautiful, compassionate, and caring woman she was. She had the biggest heart and was always there when you needed her. Being

around friends and family was one of her favorite pastimes, and she had a way of making people feel welcomed and comfortable. She took the roles of mother, wife, and grandmother very seriously and was devoted to her family. One of the happiest moments of her life was the birth of her granddaughter, Eizlee. When her family stopped by for a visit, they would always hear her exclaim, "My kids are here!" Marlene and her infectious laugh will be greatly missed.

Marlene is preceded in death by her parents; father in law, Griffen Bruner; and sister in law, Kim Borne. She survived by her husband, Griffen "Jody" Bruner; son, Tony (Chelsie) Traynor; grandchild, Eizlee Jane Traynor; and siblings: Ron Borne, Christie Hansen, Walter Borne, Roger Borne, and Marcia (PJ) Henderson.

VISITATION: 5 – 8 PM Wednesday, December 15th at Reichmuth Funeral Home in Elkhorn. FUNERAL SERVICE: 10:00am Thursday, December 16th at United Faith Community Church in Valley. INTERMENT: Evergreen Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to United Faith Community Church, Urban Acres Horse Rescue, or FurEver Home.

# Events

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**DEC 15**   **Visitation**   05:00PM - 08:00PM

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Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn  
21901 W. Maple Rd. P.O. Box 711, Elkhorn, NE, US, 68022

**DEC 16**   **Funeral Service**   10:00AM - 11:00AM

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United Faith Community Church  
218 West Gardiner Street, Valley, NE, US, 68064

**DEC 16**   **Graveside Service**   11:30AM

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Evergreen Memorial Park - Omaha  
2300 S 78th St, Omaha, NE, US, 68124

# Comments

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“ Marlene was such an exceptional person. I met her forty years ago at Camp Calvin Crest church camp. A few years later, we also went to school together at Benson. When others acted like insensitive, cruel, bullies, Marlene would step in as a kind hearted, loyal protector. She never went along with the crowd, just to be mean. She instead would sit with whomever was being ostracized and consistently showed benevolence. She was a true Christian and Heaven gained a good one. I will never forget the kindness she showed me. It was heartbreaking to learn of her passing. My deepest condolences to her family.



**Anonymous** - January 12 at 02:09 PM

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“ I am so saddened to hear of Marlene’s passing. She was truly a lovely woman, friend and neighbor. I remember growing up a few doors away from Marlene, Marcia and Roger. Marlene and my brother went to school together and graduated the same year. She was always kind to everyone. Marlene’s parents were such nice people. Her mother held 4-H meetings in their spotless home. She was always willing to give her time to help others. The apple did not fall far from the tree with Marlene. She too was a kind and considerate person. Marlene made the world a better place for the short amount of time she was here.  
My Sincere Condolences to the Borne and Bruner families.

Susan, Steve, and David Anderson

**susan anderson** - December 15, 2021 at 07:46 PM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Marlene Jane Bruner (Borne).



December 14, 2021 at 06:34 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marlene Jane Bruner (Borne).



December 14, 2021 at 11:45 AM

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“ Marlene was one of the strongest, most loving people I have ever known. The grace and courage she showed during her battle this past year was remarkable. She often spoke about how proud she was of her son and how much she loved and appreciated her family and friends, especially Jody. Her love and concern for them was apparent. Such a lovely lady with such a big heart. We were blessed to have had the chance to know her for even a short time. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jody and all her family. Rebecca White

**Rebecca White** - December 14, 2021 at 12:28 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marlene Jane Bruner (Borne).



December 13, 2021 at 10:44 PM

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“ I have known Marlene since my first real job after high school in 1989. Ended up being my boss for a while and then a blessed friendship for 30 ish years. Always thought of her as a big sister, she has watched out for me and been there for me a few times over the years...so thankful for her and Jody. I will miss her more than words can say.....rest easy my friend. I love you. Staci Griel

**Staci Wuster-Griel** - December 12, 2021 at 07:01 PM

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“ I worked with Marlene for over 7 years at 3M. She was one of the best people to just sit and talk with. Such a kind heart should not have left us this early. We are sad for her family but glad that we got a chance to know her. Our prayers go out to all family and friends. Bruce White

**Bruce White** - December 12, 2021 at 05:34 PM

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“ The Marlowe Carlson was deeply saddened to hear of news of Marlene's passing. We send our condolences and are holding your whole family in our thoughts and prayers. Donations have been given in Marlene's honor to Urban Acres Horse Rescue and DreamCatchers Ride.

**Jolana Bernhardt** - December 12, 2021 at 04:47 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marlene Jane Bruner.



December 10, 2021 at 06:49 PM