



Marian Lea Beckner

April 19, 1943 - August 16, 2013

Marian Lea (Inness) Beckner was born April 19, 1943 in Osceola, Nebraska to John and Frances (Dannelly) Inness. She grew up in Osceola, and attended school there, graduating from Osceola High School in 1961. Marian went on to earn her Bachelor's Degree in Education from Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, Nebraska in 1965. A few years later, she earned her Master's Degree from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. As a young girl, Marian enjoyed playing with her dolls, playing with her dogs and cats, creating in the sandbox, bicycling, swimming, and taking piano lessons.

Marian married Raymond Beckner in June 1968, and to their union, two daughters were born: Anne Louise and Emily Jeanne. Marian has made her home in Bellevue, Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, and most recently Bennington, Nebraska.

Marian has dedicated her life to teaching since earning her degree. She worked as an elementary school teacher intermittently from 1965 until 1987, and then turned to instructing students who were working toward their GED with Southeast Community College from 1988 until 2005.

Marian was highly involved with all of her daughter's activities as they grew up, and also dedicated time to the PTA at the girls' schools. She was also actively involved in the Nebraska Democratic Party. She enjoyed antiques, shopping, cooking, traveling, especially to Colorado in her younger years, and playing bridge with her group of friends, but most of all, Marian took pride in teaching children. She was always cheerful, helpful, and able to cheer others

up, and made new friends that ended up becoming life-long friends. Marian held dear some of the important times in her life, such as: graduating high school, the month she spent in Europe with her friend, Chris, her marriage to Ray, the birth of her two daughters, Anne graduating college, Emily's graduation from the College of Hair Design, Anne's marriage to Matt, and the birth of her 3 granddaughters. She was fond of Blues music, or something from Willie Nelson, and was happy when she could have dinner at La Paz in Lincoln, or just sit back with a bottle of Coke. She would often be heard musing, "it won't be like this forever", or "tomorrow will be another day", and her pet peeve was when Emily would add too much spice to something Marian already had made. She was a beautiful, loving, kind-hearted, funny, and highly spirited woman, who often said how lucky she was to have a great circle of friends, and she will be remembered for her generous, supportive, and loving friendship to all she knew.

Marian passed away on Friday, August 16, 2013 at the Immanuel Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 70 years, 3 months, and 27 days. She was preceded in death by her parents John and Frances Inness. Marian is survived by her daughters Anne and husband, Matt John of Bennington, and Emily Beckner of Lincoln, grandchildren Kylie, Emma, and Alexandra John, and Jacob Kramer, and sister Jeanne Inness of Chicago.

Marian L. Beckner, age 70, of Bennington, died 8/16/13. Preceded in death by parents John and Frances Inness. Survived by daughters Anne and husband, Matt John of Bennington, and Emily Beckner of Lincoln, grandchildren Kylie, Emma, and Alexandra John, and Jacob Kramer, sister Jeanne Inness of Chicago.

Memorial service 11 AM Wednesday (8/21) at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, 15050 W. Maple Rd. Gathering with the family from 6-8 PM Tuesday at the funeral home in Elkhorn. Private interment. Memorials to the family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Marian Lea Beckner*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Ann, Emily & family - It does not seem like a year since your mother's death. If your experience has been like mine, my parents are with me every day in spirit. I am certain your mother is watching her beautiful grandchildren grow and provides a comforting hand when life becomes difficult. Know that I am remembering with you. Your mother was a gentle, kind spirit that made a difference in this world simply by being who she was.*

Lynn Willey - August 10, 2014 at 07:18 PM



“ *My sympathy to Marian's loving family. She was my supervising teacher at Elliott Elementary school. She gave kind guidance to me as student teacher. I did not really know what I was doing. I know it is because of her that I was able to complete my education degree at UNL. I became reacquainted with her when I started working at SCC. I now think of her as I teach students in Early Childhood Education. I hope to be as kind and helpful in guiding them as she was with me. My prayers are with you. Pat Enevoldsen*

Pat Enevoldsen - August 27, 2013 at 09:57 AM

BV

“ Dear Family: I was so sorry to hear about your mom's passing. I worked with her at SCC in the GED program for many years, and always enjoyed our time together. She was always pleasant and positive. What a wonderful sense of humor she had! She touched many lives of students and friends, and will be greatly missed.

Bonnie Varvel - August 23, 2013 at 01:13 PM

WL

“ Our sincere sympathy to the family of Marian Beckner from the Lindsley's in Osceola.

*Wendell & Judy Lindsley
Troy, Amy, Treg, and Arika
Eric, Heather, Grant, and Logan
Jami and Kamryn*

Wendell Lindsley - August 21, 2013 at 02:23 PM

GP

“ Dear Family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother, Marian. I have not seen much of her since her retirement but Carol, Joanne and the rest of her friends here at SCC have kept me informed. I enjoyed working with your Mom and echo the others as to what a dedicated teacher and friend she was. you are in my prayers.

Greg

Gregory B Peters - August 20, 2013 at 08:04 PM

MK

“ Dear Ann and Emily and families, sending condolences and caring thoughts. Marian is imbedded in our memories of young daughters, Hartley PTA, Weight Watchers, 4th of July. I'm sure she will live on within you all.

Sincerely, Mary and Jim

Mary and Jim King - August 20, 2013 at 04:27 PM

KT

“ I want to express my sympathy to your family. I volunteered with Marian at S.C.C. in her ABE/GED class. I later taught my own class and Marian and I attended many conferences together and were often roommates. Marian had a gentle, kind spirit and was always liked and respected by her students. I loved spending time with Marian and considered her a friend. I have not seen her for many years, and I am so sorry to learn of her passing. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy.

Kathy Tichota - August 20, 2013 at 04:07 PM

DB

“ Anne and Emily, I want to tell you how sorry I am to hear about your mother. Her and I had lots of fun with you girls when you were little. She made a difference in alot of people's lives. She was a wonderful person and will be missed.

Darla Bodfield - August 20, 2013 at 01:03 PM

BD

“ Anne and Emily,
I worked with your mother at SCC. What a wonderful person and dedicated teacher! She touched the lives of many students! Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Babette Dickinson

Babette Dickinson - August 19, 2013 at 11:33 PM

LW

“ Anne and family, I had the opportunity to work with your mother at Southeast Community College. She was a well-respected teacher and I so enjoyed the many visits we had over those years. Your Mom was always so proud of her family and especially, her grandchildren! She was a kind, gentle spirit that touched a number of people in many different ways. I will surround you and your family with prayers of support as you say the final goodbye to your mother. Peace, Lynn Willey

Lynn Willey - August 19, 2013 at 11:04 PM

CM

“ Marion was always a special cousin. I felt so honored to be one of the reception helpers as a child at her wedding.

Cathy McCranie - August 19, 2013 at 07:43 PM

PL

“ Anne & Emily,
Your mom was one of the most pleasant ladies that I've ever known. I was truly blessed that I am a GED instructor and it's all because of your mom that I have that job today. I don't know if you remember me, but I cleaned for your mom when she had her cancer and then one day I volunteered in her classroom. That day I was hired to help teach another GED class and the rest is history.
Also, I enjoyed it when Marian asked me to come over and play with the girls during the football games. I had the crazy looking puppet. We sure had FUN!
Your mom will be missed. She touched and changed many lives through her teaching. I am happy to be counted among her friends.
Patti Lamphere

Patti Lamphere - August 19, 2013 at 10:45 AM

BD

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother/sister. I always enjoyed visiting with Marion when she would come to visit at Dad's (Uncle Chuck) or at family functions.

bruce dannelly - August 18, 2013 at 07:02 PM