



Joy Marilyn Marlin

March 15, 2020

Joy Marilyn (Belfatti) Marlin, 65, of Lancaster, PA, passed away peacefully at her home Sunday, March 15, 2020. Born in Abington, she was the wife of Michael Marlin, Sr., with whom she would have celebrated their 45th anniversary in June. She was the daughter of the late Carl and Dorothy (Russell) Belfatti.

Formerly of Willow Grove, Joy was a longtime deli manager at multiple Super Fresh and Giant Food Stores, where she worked for nearly 20 years. As a teenager, she worked with her family at Sal's, a Horsham restaurant owned by her brother, Carl. In the late 1980s, she briefly ran her own part-time catering business out of her home, at times working alongside her children. Her hobbies over the years included bowling, painting ceramics and anything that involved family and friends. She loved animals, the Jersey shore, the Poconos, casinos and Philadelphia sports. As her health declined, she found a new love for online gaming, where she made meaningful friendships around the world.

Joy was a bright light in the lives of everyone who knew her. Gentle-natured, compassionate and strong-willed, she had a radiant spirit and made friends wherever she went. She was the life of the party – fun to be around, easy to talk to and known for her infectious laugh. Even in times of illness, she had a playful sense of humor and a warm personality that people gravitated to. Most

of all, Joy will be remembered for her deep devotion to her children, grandchildren and husband. Her family was an endless source of pride and the object of her generosity and love.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three children, Dauri Teefy and her husband, William, of Horsham, Melissa Lapinski and her husband, Anthony, of Lancaster, Michael Marlin, Jr. and his wife, Sara, of Elizabethtown; two brothers, David Belfatti and his wife, Maryann, of Hatfield, and Allen Belfatti, of Barnesville; and six grandchildren: Jesse and his wife, Katie, Kaylee, Billy, Bailey, Leah and Alexandra. Joy was expecting another granddaughter in June and her first great-grandchild in September. She was preceded in death by a brother, Carl Belfatti, husband of Anne, of Quakertown, and a sister, Edith Belfatti, for whom Joy was also a loving guardian and caregiver.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Memorial contributions in Joy's memory may be sent to the Pennsylvania SPCA, Lancaster Center, 848 S. Prince Street, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Tribute Wall



“ Joy Marilyn Marlin

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ Dear Micheal, Sara, Leah, and Alex,
I am very sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
My brother, Mom, and I also experienced what you are in August, as
our dad died unexpectedly. My deepest sympathies to you, and I will
pray for you continually.
Sincerely,

Elise Eckenrode(from U-Gro)

Elise Eckenrode - March 21, 2020 at 09:58 AM



Thank you so much, Elise. We sincerely appreciate your note!
The Marlin Family

Mike Marlin - March 22, 2020 at 12:09 PM



I remember her from Willow Grove days and this is sad. May God
comfort family and friends in this troubling time

chrissy plimpton - March 22, 2020 at 04:26 PM



Joy I miss our times together even though I was your personal care
attendant you are family to me you cared so much about me and
making sure I was ok and your friends and family you have a heart of
gold I'm so glad I was able to meet you and your family and help you
and become friends with you. I know you are not suffer anymore but I
deeply miss you !!!! Love you always Joy

Christina Baratta - March 23, 2020 at 11:00 AM

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*Mike- You and your family are so very welcome. Take care,
Elise*

Elise - March 28, 2020 at 05:51 PM

JO

I read about Joy's passing on the Upper Moreland High School Alumni page. My family, the Oyes, lived next door to Joy's family and she was my childhood playmate-- I have wonderful memories of our childhood on Cameron Rd. I'm so sorry for your loss. My deepest condolences to your family.

Joni - April 21, 2020 at 09:26 PM