



Marcia Allen-Benner

October 11, 1930 - February 4, 2018

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Marcia Allen-Benner lived her life fully, ending February 4, 2018, at the age of 87. She is now

embraced by her Lord in his Kingdom. She will never be forgotten by family, friends,

churches, past students, and many others. Marcia will be remembered for her boundless

energy, unconditional love, and encouraging, giving spirit.

Marcia was born October 11, 1930 in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania to Louis and Evelyn (Epstein)

Perilstein. Her parents, 2 husbands and her sister Renee Korff preceded her in death.

Marcia married E. Robert Allen in 1951, eventually moving to Clare. Theirs was an abiding love,

complimenting and completing each other. While their children were still young, Marcia earned

a Masters Degree in Education, then teaching at Clare Public Schools. Always learning and

problem-solving, she was a special education teacher. It was an excellent match, with a two

year detour teaching 5th grade mathematics. Marcia had a great love for all her students

Marcia was involved with Clare School Faculty Plays, Crop Walks, 4th grade camp, Girl Scouting, Methodist church camp, treasurer of the Clare Christ Fellowship, and Sunday school teacher. After retiring in 1989, Marcia and Bob moved to Mesa Arizona. There she substituted for homebound students, was a Church librarian, proofreader and mentor. After Bob's passing in 1999, Marcia surprised herself and everyone else when, after a whirlwind courtship, she married the late Mike Benner. Mike taught her woodworking during their short, loving marriage.

Marcia has been a part of the Horizon Assisted Living family in Clare since her stroke in 2012, remaining the same caring, loving person she had become. In all her actions, Marcia's greatest desire was to be a witness to the Lord, and watching her grow was a true witness to his power. Though there is sadness and mourning from her passing, there is also joy in knowing her eternal life was sealed by the sacrifice of the Cross.

Marcia is survived by her children; Linda Yellin, of Detroit; Lea (Dave) Richardson, of Beaverton; Tom Allen of Vancouver, Washington; and Nancy (Patrick) Allen of Pahrump, Nevada.

Grandchildren Mike Richardson, Mark Richardson, Jennifer Yellin-Denomme, and Chrystal Allen, 10 great-grandchildren, beloved nieces Michele Cummins of Phoenix, Az and Sue Allen of Clare, and 1 great-grand nephew.

A memorial visitation will be held at Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home in

Clare, on Sunday

February 11 from 4:00 to 7:00. The memorial service will be at Clare Christ Fellowship,

Colonville Rd, Clare on Monday February 12 at 11:00 am. Gifts, in lieu of flowers, may be

made to Clare Christ Fellowship or Mid-Mich Hospice in Marcia's honor.

Shalom, Shalom

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)

1005 North McEwan St.

Clare, MI 48617

(989) 386-7451

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<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

Service

FEB 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Clare Christ Fellowship

3260 E. Colonville Road

Clare, MI 48617

Tribute Wall

DW

“ Some of my best childhood memories are playing over at the Allen's house on John R St with Tommy, Lea, and Nancy. Marcia was always very kind to us visiting kids and treated me like one of her own children. She lived a very full and enthusiastic life, and I am so glad that I was fortunate to know her.

Dr Gail Wolfe - February 10, 2018 at 12:00 PM

BH

“ An amazing lady and educator. It was a privilege to teach across the hall from her early in my career. Her smile was always beaming and her students always knew she loved being with them, most important . She will be remembered.

Bruce Hales - February 07, 2018 at 02:11 PM

MH

“ I'd have to dig to find a photo, but the memories run deep. So glad I was able to visit with you in October. It was fun to read the book about Jewish traditions to you then. You were such a helpful teacher across the hall from my room. There were numerous play endeavors - the faculty plays that you usually had a healthy hand it writing/producing, and the Passover/Easter play that I wrote that you generously supplied expertise from your Jewish heritage. We share the same birthday week and you even sent your birthday balloon home with me in October, so I could leave it with my mother. Hope the two of you cross paths in your new heavenly home. Enjoy your new home and meeting friends and family.

Martha Kellom Hafner

Martha Hafner - February 07, 2018 at 09:09 AM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Judy Warner - February 06, 2018 at 11:02 PM

MR

“ 4 files added to the album Marcia



Mike Richardson - February 06, 2018 at 03:15 PM