



Marna Lee (Swales) Russell

November 19, 1948 - March 22, 2013

You might have seen this girl digging in a junk pile or browsing a yard sale. This little gopher loved the hunt for possibles. Her finds were delights for the home or garden. With red hair, eyes and thumbs of green she was often on her knees planting. Her tender heart spent joyous hours crafting gifts of love. Boundless energy bubbled in constant creativity. Home was never quite right, and things came and went. And then there was you. Immediate bonds formed at first encounters and tied friendships with lasting love. This was my sweet Marna.

Please come and celebrate Marna Lee with husband; Doug, son, Kyle, with Pam; grandson Chase, granddaughter, Kala; sisters, Lynn with Tim and Joyce with Dave; adopted Ginny, brother, John with Linda, niece Tasha, and nephews Ryan and John.

We will potluck at Marna & Doug's Home, 1:00pm Saturday, May 18th this year, 4300 Joe Miller Road, Malaga, (near Wenatchee) 98828. Any thoughts of gifts or flowers should be paid forward in acts of kindness to strangers and friends.

You are invited to visit Marna's online tribute to leave memories and condolences at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

DO

“ Hello Doug & family, I know that this past year has been a year of firsts, the first Christmas without your Marna, your first of birthday celebrations without her, your first of all things that were celebrated with loving family and that in those firsts you all were forced to find a new normal and it feels like none of it is normal. But I do know that Marna was an contagious woman who loved life and who knew no strangers and who lived life vivaciously. Love was one of her strengths and has been and will be your strengths as memeories of her will forever fill your broken hearts. I have thought of all of you often and how you are dealing with filling this huge void in your family, so know that I have and will continue to hold you close in thought and prayer and that I am anxiously awaiting to plant my Forget Me Not seeds in loving honor of your Marna and I truly feel blessed to have known her and shared in her journey of this life. So to you all I wish that as you gather and celebrate her that it is healing to know that others share your pain, and hold the memories we have of her close and with loving smiles in her honor. With love and admiration to your Family, from Debbie ODell.

debbie odell - March 21, 2014 at 10:15 AM

KY

“ STILL HARD TO BELIEVE YOU ARE GONE. YOU ARE ALWAYS ON MY MIND. I LOVE AND MISS YOU.

STILL CANT BELIEVE YOU ARE GONE.LOVE AND MISS YOU ALWAYS.

KYLE - July 11, 2013 at 10:40 PM

KY

“ *STILL MISS YOU MOM!WISH MOTHERS DAY COULD BE SPENT WITH YOU!*

KYLE - May 11, 2013 at 10:46 PM

EM

“ *In memory of my Dear Friend Marna Russell who touched my heart during the years that I knew her. I always looked forward to see them once a year in Sierra Vista. She told me once, she never will dressed up for any body. I thought she is one of a kind. I will miss her very much, but I am glad I got a chance to meet her. She was a very special person.*

Eve Mayfield - April 09, 2013 at 07:17 PM

DE

“ It was through the love of treasure hunting that I had the delight to meet Marna. She was a great lady of sassy energy and I wanted to be apart of that so from that encounter on when we met, she was genuine in her kindness, in her caring and contagious in her love for life. She allowed me the thrill of her personal invite to her Yard Sales at their beautiful homestead. She called me and had me come pick out enough baby pumpkins for my entire classroom, she saw me admiring her lime green hops bush and before I knew it we were digging up shoots of that plant that now grows so brightly in my yard. She empowered me to remodel our kitchen by giving me a tour of her loving kitchen. Marna was class, she was adventure, she was true loving kindness and that is what we all need more of. We are all sad to lose such a joyful spirit. So Marna when we meet again with open arms we will continue where we left off with laughter and love. Doug to you and your family I hold you close in heart at this time of mourning. With much love and admiration
Debbie ODell

debbie - April 06, 2013 at 10:37 PM

DK

“ Oh Marna, I sure do miss you. We were planning on going to the Arbor Day Tree Distribution today last time we talked. We had gone last year and had a great time getting new trees for our yards. And last year at this time, we were planning our garage sale for May. I loved going to garage sales with you and Doug. I tried to keep up with you! If you didn't see anything interesting, it was off to the next one! You were always up for anything and loved life. You were such a great friend, a best friend and I will always remember the good times. We will meet again someday my dear friend. Till then, I will smile when I think of you.

Deb K - April 06, 2013 at 03:27 PM

BA

“ Marna was one of my best girlfriends in high school. I'll never forget her uplifting spirit and goofy antics. Unfortunately over the years we lost contact but then had a chance to reconnect a few years ago when she invited me and a fellow co-worker to dinner while I was in Wenatchee working. Nothing had changed much over the years. She was still the funny, cute, sweet girl I remembered and will always remember. Last time I saw her she brought me some pictures of the two of us getting ready for a prom with our ratted hair and ball gowns. We not only shared our birthdays but so many wonderful memories. I feel so blessed to have had her in my life. I'll miss you my friend.

Barbara Thayer Aalona - April 02, 2013 at 06:12 PM

KY

“ SURE DO MISS YOU MOM.I LOVE YOU!

KYLE - April 01, 2013 at 11:26 PM

DO

“ Dear Dear Marna, seeing your photo in the obits today was a shock. Memories are flooding my brain, while tears are flooding my eyes. One of the two most loving and loyal friends of my teen years---- you and Carla--- both now gone. Coming of age in the 60's we shared some crazy, fun times and were part of a close knit supportive clan. Luckily, our parents allowed us more freedom than we would ever allow our own children, but we were good kids and looked out for each other.

Overnights at the beach, sleeping in cars or on air mattresses on the sand. Oh, to be young again! I clearly remember one early Sun. morning we hastily left our makeshift camp so you could attend Mass in Aberdeen. Upon leaving church you were handed a card admonishing your attire and you were embarrassed and angry. Catholic guilt is a wondrous thing! The rest of us tried not to laugh.

The memories keep coming dear friend. Summer nights at your folks place on the Lake. Talking, laughing, always more talking. Lynn and her insatiable love of old cheeseey movies--- Rita Hayworth, Susan Hayward. The sappier the better! Little brother John swearing he spotted a UFO in the early morning light over the Lake. The bat discovered behind the TV in the living room. So many good times. Life moved on and we became wives, mothers and then grandmothers. We lost touch, reconnected, and lost touch again. And so it went. You will always have a place in my heart and I will always remember you and smile. You and Carla will do some serious dishing I'm certain. God Speed, dear friend.

Donna - March 31, 2013 at 11:00 PM

TE

“ I would like to send my condolences to your family at this time. Please find comfort in the words of Revelation 21:3,4 where it says:3 With that I heard a loud voice from the throne say: "Look! The tents of God is with mankind, and he will reside with them, and they will be his peoples. And God himself will be with them. 4 And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away."

Teri - March 31, 2013 at 06:25 PM

SK

“ I met Marna when I purchased my home from her and Doug in 2006. What a privilege and a blessing to have been their neighbor and to call them friends. I felt an instant connection with Marna and love them both very much. God seems to take the best and that is what he got in Marna. She was a very special lady. We will miss her, our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Stan & Karen - March 31, 2013 at 05:23 PM

DK

“ Known as Marna Mae to me. My dearest friend who gave me unconditional friendship and love, who made even bad days good! I meet Marna at the City of Lacey. I went to work there, I know now, to meet my dear friend. She always said those were the best times, as she would say, "wasn't that a hoot"! Just a few weeks ago she laughed hard at remembering the city shop Halloween party, (some years back), she so loved to dress up for Halloween. She was the bird, Doug was Father Time, I, the goofy Snowman. In the middle of the crosswalk, in costume, we drop the pies and scooped them up (rocks and all) hoping no one would know at the city party, (we're bad). I will miss our fun, our wine visits in the park. You always had your gardian Angels with you Marna, (I always wanted one of them), now you are one of the Angels, you left us to soon. As you would always sign off on all your letters to me.....I Love You, Your Pal Marna Mae XXOXX. You will always be in my heart, thank you for the love Marna, you are the best, I Love You, Your Pal, always, DeeDee XXOXX

DeeDee Kramer - March 30, 2013 at 11:06 PM

MA

“ Safe journey



Miles Auderer - March 28, 2013 at 07:24 PM

MA

“ Dear Marna;

I had the honor of working with you and calling you friend. In 11 years you get to know someone and everyone who knew you liked and respected you. I'm going to miss you very much. God grant you his blessing and your place in Heaven.

Miles Auderer - March 28, 2013 at 07:19 PM

DO

“ Marna loved to kiss little kitties and puppies....they were all called "cutzie boots"

Doug - March 28, 2013 at 07:05 AM

JB

“ Okay, so Marna liked to bake when we were kids. Around 13 she baked a cake and then iced it with another cake batter! Now that cracked me up, I still smile when thinking about it....one thing she said about 6 weeks ago was "If I'd known I was only going to live to be 64 I'd of eaten more cake!" What a beautiful, lovely woman inside and out! Love you Sis. I know you are dancing with the angels! See you in a twinkling of the eye. JB

Joyce (Swales-Sigman) Blankenship - March 27, 2013 at 05:46 PM

LK

“ Marna and Doug created the beautiful home where we have lived for the last 11 years. We became instant friends the day we met and everywhere we look we see Marna's creations and her artistry. I will miss Marna's friendship and love; we will both miss Marna's warmth, love, smile, support and friendship. She left us too soon. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family; she was an amazing woman! We love you, Marna!

Linda Kinney - March 27, 2013 at 03:13 AM

TS

“ Marna.. When you sent me messages you always signed them XOXO.. You were sunshine all the time! I and the rest of your friends are going to miss you so much. We are all broken hearted. Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss.. our thoughts and prayers are for you and your family.

Terry Schooler - March 26, 2013 at 09:04 PM

JA

“ The first time I met Marna I knew she was a special lady. She was so open and down to earth. In the brief time we had to visit, we discovered that we had many of the same interests...quilting, gardening, crafts, wine, cooking. Even though we didn't spend much time together, I felt a connection to Marna. She is a friend that I wish I had gotten to know better. I will miss her.

Jane - March 26, 2013 at 05:40 PM

KY

“ HAVE LOTS OF STORIES BUT KEEPING THEM FOR ME FOR NOW.SORRV SO SELFISH.

KYLE - March 25, 2013 at 11:27 PM