With Gratitude

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Mae's love lives on through her Children, Rob (Marci), Ken (Carol), and Gab (Mike). Grandchildren, Vikki (Darren), Kristi (Ivan), Mikey (Taryn), David (Courtney), Eric, Nicole, Zack, Ivy, and Lily. Great-Grandchildren, Kyle, Amber, Ivan Dale, Liam, Ellie, Zuli and Revver. Siblings, Betty and Paul. And many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends that are like family.

Celebrating the life of

MAE MARINELLO



July 22, 1941 ~ August 8, 2026

"What you leave behind is not what
is engraved in stone monuments,
but what is woven into the lives of others."

This is my letter to the world,
That never wrote to me,
The simple news that Nature told,
With tender majesty.

Her message is committed
To hands I cannot see;
For love of her, sweet countrymen,
Judge tenderly of me!

-Emily Dickinson









Order of Service



The Reason

Performed by Stephanie Bruce

Remembering this Remarkable Life

By Gabrielle Symmes

Thoughts from the Family

By David Banks, Betty Randolph,

Zack Perkins, & Lily Symmes

Closing Remarks

Gabrielle Symmes

Amazing Grace

Performed by Kevin Curtin

Celebration of Life

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In the end the love you take
is equal to the love you make
-John Lennon & Paul McCartney