

Marilyn Ann Melchior

September 15, 1933 – May 12, 2025

Marilyn (Barbiaux) Melchior, a beloved member of the Luxemburg community, has left us peacefully at the age of 91. Marilyn was a remarkable woman whose warmth and kindness touched everyone who had the privilege of knowing her.

Born in Luxemburg, on September 15, 1933, to the late Elmer and Dorothy (Kohlbeck) Barbiaux. Marilyn was the salutatorian of her high school class of 1951. After graduation, Marilyn was a member of the Sisters of St. Francis in Milwaukee for 16 years, a time that shaped her compassionate spirit and deep faith. While in the convent, Marilyn received her bachelor's degree from Alverno College and went on to receive her master's degree from UW Madison. She then spent many years teaching the children of Holly Springs, Mississippi. After leaving the Sisters, she married Thomas Melchior on January 11, 1969, with Fr. Frank Melchior officiating.



She dedicated 21 years to Bellin Hospital, where she worked as a Registered Dietician in Nutrition and Custodial Services Management. She also lent her skills to the Kewaunee County Health Department and the WIC program, demonstrating her commitment to community health.

Marilyn's passion for helping others extended beyond her professional life. A devoted volunteer at Paul's Pantry, she spent countless hours giving back to those in need. She embraced her roles as a CCD teacher at St. Mary's in Luxemburg and a 4-H volunteer, sharing her rich knowledge and love for gardening and canning—her pickled beets were legendary in the family!

She is survived by her loving husband, Tom Melchior; and their family, including cherished children, Maureen Phillips (Kurt) of Suamico, and Tom Melchior (Sheila) of Bonduel. Marilyn's legacy will live on in the hearts of her grandchildren: Gabe, Tommy, Lucy Phillips, Isaiah, and Lila Melchior. She also leaves behind her dear sister, Bonnie Seiler, of Algoma.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Maurice, Charlie, Donald, Anthony, Jonas; sister, Dorothy Heim; and her nieces, Mary Lou Karnopp and Jennifer Heim; and nephew Dale Barbiaux.

Family and friends are invited to pay their respects during the visitation, on Monday, May 19, 2025, from 9:30 – 11:30 am at St. Mary Catholic Church, Luxemburg. Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11:30 am with Fr. Daniel Schuster officiating. Burial to follow in the church cemetery. Online condolence messages may be shared at KinnardFCS.com.

The family would like to give special thanks to the staff of the Bellin Nursing Home Team, Woodside Manor, and Heartland Hospice for the wonderful care Marilyn was given.