



## Marilyn Ann Mitchell

September 29, 1948 - April 15, 2023

### Marilyn Ann Mitchell

Marilyn passed away on Saturday, April 15, 2023 in the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia. She was born on 9/29/48 in Wilkes-Barre, PA, daughter of William P. Mitchell and Valerie Mitchell (née Toporcer) and sister to Bill Mitchell who passed away in 1970. Marilyn grew up in the Middletown area of Dauphin County.

Her later education took place in Philadelphia, where she went to work in microbiological research at the University of Pennsylvania. During her long and productive tenure at Penn, she worked in the laboratories of Drs. Goodgal, Scriber, Lee, and Stedman. Most recently, she worked in the Penn Ovarian Cancer Research Center in the laboratory of Dr. Ronny Drapkin as a Research Specialist and Laboratory Manager focusing on the genetic, molecular and physiological factors that drive the development of cancer. Dr. Drapkin shared that Marilyn was an outstanding scientist, committed to scientific excellence and teamwork. She trained and inspired numerous high school and college students during her tenure in the Drapkin lab. Marilyn dedicated much of her life to her work at the University of Pennsylvania and it defined her as a person with a singular commitment to scientific advance.

She is survived by her sisters, Elaine Foley and Karen Mitchell, her life

companion Dr. Sol Goodgal and good friend Emilie Anderson. At Marilyn's request, no funeral services will be held.

Please send any donations in her name to the following charities:

The American Cancer Society for Research of Ovarian Cancer ([https://donate.cancer.org/?campaign=honormemorialpage&gad=1&gclid=CjwKCAjwrpOiBhBVEiwA\\_473dOC27JXUUhrNt7Z1HLGIxcqzPBX0nriyADpLO2KNgpcYwPK5dttpShoCV0YQAvD\\_BwE](https://donate.cancer.org/?campaign=honormemorialpage&gad=1&gclid=CjwKCAjwrpOiBhBVEiwA_473dOC27JXUUhrNt7Z1HLGIxcqzPBX0nriyADpLO2KNgpcYwPK5dttpShoCV0YQAvD_BwE))

The University of Pennsylvania Ovarian Cancer Research Center (<https://giving.apps.upenn.edu/fund?program=MED&fund=603702>)

# Tribute Wall

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“ To my sister Marilyn ,we have many memories that will never be forgotten. Especially will miss our Thanksgiving monopoly games and Good Friday's breakfast and shopping. Thank you for being a great inspiration and sister. Love Elaine

Elaine Foley - May 02, 2023 at 01:11 PM

BM

Hi, Elaine. You probably don't know me, but Marilyn was my mentor in the lab during my 9th and 10th grade summers at UPenn. She was an amazing scientist and I credit her for aiding the development of my own curiosity. My condolences to you and the rest of the family. Please send my regards to Dr. Goodgal!

-Biko

Biko McMillan - October 11, 2023 at 11:21 AM

BT

“ I will always remember my cousin Marilyn at our Grandmothers (Stella Toporcer) House All the visits Marilyn, would make, Driving up from Philly in that Old Camaro. Her, Loving that Home cooking, only a Fantastic Polish girl, our grandmother was able to place on the table. Marilyn, taking the time to share her experience and wisdom with her 8 year junior cousin. She left a quit an impression on me. I will miss her Dearly. Yet, i will treasure all the times we were together as a family.  
To My Cousins Elaine & Karen. all my love  
Bernard (Bingy) Toporcer

Bing Toporcer - April 24, 2023 at 07:11 PM

MT

So sorry for your loss. Marilyn was always so wonderful to me. Sending love, Marc, Irene & Bailey Toporcer

Marc Toporcer - April 24, 2023 at 08:25 PM