



## Marolyn Marie Buchanan

October 27, 1935 - June 26, 2026

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Marolyn was born October 27, 1935 and had a rich and fulfilling life. She passed away after a brief illness on June 26, 2026 surrounded by her family.

Marolyn grew up mostly in Michigan, the oldest child of 6, and married her high school sweetheart, Jim Buchanan, in 1954. Jim enlisted in the Army and was stationed in Germany where Marolyn joined him. They lived there for a year with their dachshund. After they got back, Jim went to Michigan State Veterinary School and Marolyn earned an honorary “PHT” (Pushing Hubby Through).

They moved to Narberth, Pennsylvania after Jim accepted a position at the Penn Vet School. They raised four children, many rescued dogs and cats, and were active members of a busy neighborhood full of friends and kids. Marolyn usually enjoyed being a mother and a grandmother, helping to raise her three grandchildren. She attended years of sporting events, plays, musicals, and concerts by her talented kids and grandkids. She also enjoyed sewing, reading, singing and playing the piano, traveling with Jim all over the world, and doing genealogy research. She participated in many protests in support of our democracy.

Her kids remember Mom and Dad playing the piano and guitar together, singing songs and hymns after everyone else had gone to bed. She sang with the choir and played piano for Narberth Methodist Church. She was a member of the Junior Women's Club of Narberth. Marolyn and Jim led the carol sing-along at the Narberth train station for many years.

The family was able to live in Switzerland for a year sabbatical in 1970. They hiked and skied all over Europe with a pop-up camper while living outside of Berne in a small farming village.

After they returned to the states, Marolyn worked as an editorial assistant in the Division of Pediatric Urology at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Their life was disrupted when Jim had his first stroke in 1996, and she left her job to care for him.

Marolyn and Jim renewed their wedding vows in 2004 on their 50th wedding anniversary. She wore her original wedding dress with only a few alterations.

After Jim died in 2020, Marolyn moved in with her daughter Maureen. Marolyn had a strong faith in a loving God, and some considered her the kindest person they knew.

Marolyn is survived by her children: Dan, Maureen, Mike (Jill), and Scott (Kay); her grandchildren: Anna, Sara, and Frankie (Melissa) and their son Preston (Marolyn's great grandson) as well as her extended Cline family and many other friends. At the time of her death, she was looking forward to joining Jim, her parents, her siblings, and her little dogs, in heaven.

There will be a private service at a future date. Condolences may be shared with the family online at [www.chadwickmckinney.com](http://www.chadwickmckinney.com).

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to:

New Horizons Senior Center, P.O. Box 85, Narberth, Pa 19072 <https://www.newhorizonsseniorcenter.org/donate.html>

or to the Friends of Penn Vet Fund  
<https://www.vet.upenn.edu/giving>

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“ Your mother's kindness and gracious acceptance of me and others remain my most potent memories. Her faith was put into practice in a quiet and beautiful way. She conveyed true goodness with just a touch of spunkiness. May her memory be a blessing. Paul

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