



Marlene Kay Johnston

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In Loving Memory: Marlene Kay Johnston September 9, 1943 – August 15, 2025

Marlene Kay (Lackey) Johnston, 81, passed peacefully into the arms of her Savior on August 15, 2025. Born in Ellwood City, PA, the second of five children to Harry and Geraldine (Miller) Lackey she was raised on the family farm and graduated from Ellwood City High School in 1961. She was a talented flutist and proud member of the Wolverine Marching Band. Marlene married Thomas Johnston in 1962 and was blessed with three children.

Marlene spent 20 years serving as a medical transcriptionist at Ochiltree County Hospital in Perryton, TX, where she was a member of the Word of Life Church. She later resided at Sunset Estates in Purcell, OK, where she received loving care after a stroke.

She found joy in bird watching, thunderstorms, and the music of MercyMe, John Denver, Neil Diamond, Willie Nelson, and playing with her beloved Boston Terrier, Deacon.

Marlene was preceded in death by her parents, siblings Harry, Robert, and Linda Miller, and grandson Dillon Shane Turner. She is survived by her children, Randy Johnston and wife Kathy, Cynthia Turner, Pamela Arnold, and

Marlene's buddy, and partner in crime Curtis Arnold. Seven grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, sister Carolyn Bohn, and many beloved friends and family to include Alice Pingelton and the awesome staff and loyal friends of Sunset Estates, Purcell Oklahoma.

Her strong spirit and unwavering love will be deeply missed.

Note from Marlene: I appreciate all My Father gave his children on this planet, most especially all nature, something for each & every one of us. He knew we would all be so unique, so he made something unique for each of us. Best of all is His Love. I'm a 'GG' - great grandmother and it is wonderful; God is so GOOD! I am very family oriented, have 3 children, 8 grandchildren, & 17 great-grands - that's not counting the ones God blessed me with by marriage, lots of nieces & nephews as well as their children & grandchildren, JUST LOVE MY FAMILY, THANK YOU LORD! Also love all the Boston Terriers, they are fun little dogs.

Tribute Wall

BB

“ Pam and Curtis, I'm sad to hear of Marlene's passing but happy for her as she said she was ready to see heaven. The time I was around her when Leeta was her roommate she was always happy to tell us about her family❤️Curtis I enjoyed reading your tribute to her- very few men have the relationship with their Mother-in-law that you shared. God bless you and Pam for your love and devotion to care for her like very few families do in the nursing home! Pam you've been a blessing and encouragement to me through these last 6 years! ❤️❤️ Love Bonita

Bonita Brakefield - August 19, 2025 at 06:35 PM

PA

Love you Bonita and pray for you every day ❤️

Pam Arnold - August 21, 2025 at 05:39 PM

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“ *She wasn't just my second mother—she was my friend, my confidante, and my partner in crime. From the start, she had that unmistakable twinkle in her eye, the kind that warned you something mischievous was coming... and you were going to love every minute of it.*

She gave as good as she got, always ready with a clever jab or a playful prank, but never without warmth. Her laughter was contagious, her timing impeccable, and her heart—immeasurable. Whether we were stirring up trouble or sharing quiet moments, she made life richer, fuller, and infinitely more fun.

Her absence leaves a silence that echoes louder than any joke she ever cracked. But even in that silence, I hear her voice, feel her nudge, and smile at the memory of all we shared. You will be missed—deeply, daily, and with love.

curtis - August 17, 2025 at 05:39 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album Marlene



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DG

Marlene, your family at Sunset Estates loved you and thought of you as our mother and grandmother. We loved your kindness, your sassy and funny personality!! ❤️. We miss you dearly. We know you are totally healed and enjoying your heavenly home. Thank you for sharing your daughter and partner in crime with us. We are blessed to have them in our family too.

Debbie Gantz - August 21, 2025 at 07:08 PM

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