



Marcia L. Smenner

November 27, 1944 - January 12, 2025

In Loving Memory of Marcia Lynne Graham Smenner

Marcia Lynne Graham Smenner passed away on Sunday, January 12, 2025.

Marcia was born on November 27, 1944, in Oakland, California. She attended California Lutheran University and later pursued graduate work at Missouri State University.

Marcia married Ray Smenner, and together they raised their daughters, Hillary and Allison, in Springfield, Missouri. Throughout her career, Marcia worked in editorial and administrative assistant positions, but her true passion was serving as a Chaplain's Assistant at Cox Hospital, where she worked until her retirement in 2012.

In 2012, Marcia relocated to Perryville, Missouri, to be closer to family. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, where she felt supported and loved. Pastor Sam Roethemeyer was particularly kind in ministering to Marcia during her final weeks.

Marcia received care at the Independence Care Center in Perryville, where the nurses and staff made her feel comfortable and cherished.

Marcia was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas Graham and Pearl Kellenberg Graham, and ex-husband, Ray Smenner.

She is survived by her daughters, Hillary (Smenner) Childers and husband Jerry Childers of Perryville, Missouri, and Dr. Allison Dru of Media, Pennsylvania. She also leaves behind her beloved grandchildren: Jeremiah Childers and wife Mikayla, Lauren (Childers) Brown and husband Elijah, Madelynne Childers, Rachel Chabot, and Ben Chabot, along with two precious great-grandchildren. Additionally, Marcia is survived by her sister, Judith Anderson and husband Jack Anderson, nephew Todd Anderson and wife Erin, niece Rebecca Perez and husband Ismael, as well as three great-nephews.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ Candace and Newman Fair purchased the Psalm 23 Tribute Blanket for the family of Marcia L. Smenner.



Candace and Newman Fair - January 21, 2025 at 04:51 PM

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“ Candace and Newman Fair planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marcia L. Smenner.

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“ Marcia and Ray arrived in Springfield, Missouri, the same year that Pansy and I did, 1971. We became friends right away. When our Sarah came along, Marcia kept her so Pansy could go back to work. Our families were very close. We will always remember Marcia's kindness, caring and parience. We have many fond memories.

Turner Collins - January 17, 2025 at 06:33 PM

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“ Marcia was a lovely woman in so many ways, but her kindness & thoughtfulness amazed me. It was as natural to her as breathing. I'm very grateful to have had her as a friend.

Paula Blankenship - January 14, 2025 at 09:11 PM