



## Marlene Connelly

July 12, 1965 - August 10, 2020

Marlene Connelly, 55, of Henrico County passed away on 08/10/2020. She was the daughter of Edward Jackson and Alice Woods.

She was born July 12, 1965 in Long Island, New York. She moved to Virginia with her family in 1994. During her three-year battle with cancer Marlene still lived life full of passion doing the things she loved. She continued to hike, travel, and explore the world with a smile on her face. Her travels included cruising the Caribbean and Mediterranean, and visiting National Parks, with Yosemite, Yellowstone and Zion being some of her favorites. She will always be remembered for her energy and enthusiasm to live every day to the fullest, enjoying life's precious moments big or small, and her ability to brighten anyone's day.

Marlene is preceded in death by her parents, Edward Jackson and Alice Woods Jackson, and sisters Sandra Andersen and Susan Johnson.

She is survived by her loving husband Jeff Connelly, son Chase Hounshell, stepsons Jeffrey Connelly and Gregory Zimmerman, stepdaughter Marisa Connelly, her two sisters, Debra Mergenthaler (Dave Mergenthaler), Erica Burns (Joe Burns) and nieces and nephews.

In place of a funeral service, a private celebration of life will be held with her

closest friends and family. In lieu of flowers her family suggests a donation made to cancer research.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I met Marlene 10 years ago as a coworker and she quickly became a dear friend. Her passion for enjoying life and making fond memories with friends and family was infectious! A Beautiful Lady whose smile and laughter will be missed.



*Love and prayers to the family.*

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**Carla Williams** - August 18, 2020 at 09:56 AM

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“ Marlene and I knew each other from high school. She and her infectious attitude and zeal for life helped me with my battle then. Always quick to make me laugh, she will never be forgotten. Thank you Marlene for making the world a better place for us all. You will be missed.

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**vickie sieber** - August 11, 2020 at 03:42 PM

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“ I am so saddened to hear of Marlene’s passing 😞 We’ve been friends from Central Islip High School and reconnected through Facebook. I always enjoyed seeing Marlene’s posts of all her cool hiking and traveling adventures. My heart goes out to the entire family and all friends who were close. May Marlene rest in peace finding new adventures in Heaven ❤️



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**Garrett Ladd (Garry)** - August 11, 2020 at 01:38 PM

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*Only knew Marlene a few short days I felt warm and comfortable around her a lovely smile for you Marlene ; I can only imagine love Carol. Maggie miss you*

**carol goins** - August 14, 2020 at 04:40 PM

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“ *My sincere condolences to you & her family 🙏 I remember the day she was born, we go back to Central Islip, N.Y. Our families were very close ❤️ She will be missed, love & prayers to you all 🌹🙏, Theresa McGuire Marinaro*



**Theresa Marinaro** - August 11, 2020 at 01:15 PM