



Marsha Kay Veldhuizen

April 19, 1941 - June 11, 2018

Marsha Kay Veldhuizen, 77, of Oskaloosa, died June 11, 2018, at Oskaloosa Care Center. Marsha was born April 19, 1941, at Mercy Hospital in Oskaloosa, the daughter of William Edward and Wilma Neels Veldhuizen. She grew up on the family farm south of Delta and was a proud alumna of both the South Honey Grove one-room schoolhouse and the Delta High School Class of 1959, where she was a cheerleader and played basketball and saxophone. Marsha was a lifelong member of Central Reformed Church in Oskaloosa. On May 28, 1961, Don Veldhuizen rolled up on the southeast corner of the church and offered to drive her home — not realizing she was staying in Delta that night, not Oskaloosa. She wasn't keen on dating someone with the same last name, but she went anyway. Don and Marsha were married on April 19, 1962; that drive to Delta was the first of countless road trips they would take together over the next 50+ years.

After high school, Marsha moved to Oskaloosa to work at the Big Smith Overall Factory. In 1961, she began working at Mahaska State Bank. She took time off from 1967 to 1981 to raise her family before returning to the bank and working there until her retirement in 2003. She loved serving her customers and being part of the Mahaska State Bank family.

Marsha lived life and loved her family and friends. She laughed often, cared for others, and was always up for an adventure. Her travels took her from Alaska to Zambia and many places in between, often camping along the way. The family camped at the Iowa State Fair every year beginning in 1973, and she and Don served many years as State Fair information volunteers. She enjoyed playing cards and dominos and attending gospel concerts with Don and their friends. She was an avid cyclist, completing RAGBRAI three times (in addition to riding segments in many other years) and biking across the Netherlands three times with the Northwestern College of Iowa bike tours.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Donald, of Oskaloosa; three children: Dale Veldhuizen, of Des Moines, Eric Veldhuizen, of Moulton, and Sara (David) Veldhuizen Stealy, of Accra, Ghana; a granddaughter, Alexis (Jacob) Bell, of Oskaloosa; two grandsons, Dakota and Dawson Veldhuizen, of Moulton; one great-granddaughter, Aubree

Bell, of Oskaloosa; her brother Keith (Vicki Collins) Veldhuizen, of Barronett, Wisconsin; sister-in-law Linda Veldhuizen, of Memphis, Tennessee; nieces Stacy (Ben) Mickey of Mesa, Arizona, and Renee (Aron) Hook of Golden, Colorado, and close friend Sandy Veldhuizen. Also surviving are many cousins, aunts, uncles and extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by her mother- and father-in-law, Jay and Nellie Veldhuizen.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 16, 2018, at 10:30 am at Central Reformed Church, with Reverends Dwayne Poe and Mike Sereg officiating. Burial will be at Forest Cemetery in Oskaloosa. Open visitation will begin at Bates Funeral Chapel on Friday, after 10:00 am. The family will be at the funeral chapel on Friday evening from 5:00 to 7:00. Memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association.

Cemetery

Forest Cemetery

634 North 9th Street
Oskaloosa, IA, 52577

Events

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Funeral Service

10:30AM

Central Reformed Church

815 2nd Avenue East, Oskaloosa, IA, US, 52577

Comments



“ Don & family,
We are so very sorry for your loss. Our deepest sympathy and prayers to your family.
Alice & Norm Veen

Alice J Veen - June 15, 2018 at 09:20 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marsha Kay Veldhuizen.



June 15, 2018 at 07:29 PM



“ Marsha was a very special lady with an infectious smile.



Brenda Walker - June 15, 2018 at 04:54 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Marsha Kay Veldhuizen.



June 14, 2018 at 10:10 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marsha Kay Veldhuizen.



June 14, 2018 at 09:59 PM



“ Liz Childs lit a candle in memory of Marsha Kay Veldhuizen



Liz Childs - June 14, 2018 at 04:40 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marsha Kay Veldhuizen.



June 14, 2018 at 01:26 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Marsha's passing. Marsha was one special lady! We thoroughly enjoyed working with Marsha at the bank. She always greeted customers with that wonderful smile! Marsha had such an infectious laugh.....can hear it now.

Prayers to the Veldhuizen family.

Spencer & Laurie Howard

Laurie Howard - June 14, 2018 at 09:08 AM



“ My sisters and I are sorry to hear of Marsha's passing and have very fond memories of Marsha and Don as our baby sitters about 55 years ago, Don as co-worker with our Dad and Marsha at the bank. RIP. John, Kerry, Julie

John Mathew - June 13, 2018 at 07:37 PM



“ I worked with Marsha at Mahasks State Bank. We went together, to Des Moines, to study and take our Life Insurance Testing. I'll never forget that in my suitcase was clothes, shoes etc. Marsha pulled her pillow, from home, out of hers. Said she never left home without her own pillow.

Jo Cloud - June 14, 2018 at 06:58 AM



“ Don and family,
I am so very sorry to hear of Marsha's passing. I know what a great loss this is and want you to know you have my deepest sympathy. It was a pleasure and honor to work with Marsha for over seven years. There was always a smile on her face. Not sure to this day how she ever talked me into biking, let alone biking across the state, but what great times we had. Lots of memories. Loved her Mississippi Mud Bars even though I hate coconut! Rest In Peace, my friend.

Jane (Brock) Sieren



Jane Sieren - June 13, 2018 at 07:07 PM



“ I will always remember Marsha as she went to South Honey country school near Delta. When they had a school reunion . Marsha invited My Dad (John D. Morgan} and myself Delores J Cundiff to the reunion as my Mom Relda White was a teacher at one time at the country school. Marsha honored her as a teacher even though my Mom had passed on. Don and family You have my thoughts and prayers. You were a great caretaker. and husband to Marsha. God have gain an beautiful angel.

Delores Morgan Cundiff - June 13, 2018 at 04:48 PM



“ 113 files added to the album LifeTributes



Bates Funeral Chapel - June 13, 2018 at 04:35 PM



“ Don and family,
So sorry to hear of Marsha's passing. She always had a smile on her face as I remember. May God give you comfort, strength, and peace in the days and weeks ahead.

Connie Wymore Wright



Connie Wright - June 13, 2018 at 03:42 PM



“ Marsha...What can I say? I loved working at the bank with her, as she was so upbeat. I usually had break with her, which always meant laughs.

And then there was Ragbrai. It was great riding with Marsha, and watching Don take care of her, and in fact, all of us, to make sure our bikes were ready to roll.

Marsha's life as a Christian set a beautiful example for us. It was a joy and blessing to know her.

Lee Ann (Nichols) Magel - June 13, 2018 at 01:36 PM



“ Don and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Marsha was a very special person. Sending prayers.

CAROL Wonderlich - June 13, 2018 at 01:28 PM



“ Don & Family:

I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Marsha was a sweetheart! Prayers for all of you.

Cindy Mott - June 13, 2018 at 12:19 PM



“ Kathy Fleener lit a candle in memory of Marsha Kay Veldhuizen



Kathy Fleener - June 13, 2018 at 11:36 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Marsha. She always had a smile on her face and had alot of energy. She was a special lady to me.

I am so thankful for the opportunities to visit with Don and Marsha during her stay at the Oskaloosa Care Center. I will miss those visits. She and the family are in my thoughts and prayers.

My deepest condolences, Joyce Hoyt

Joyce Hoyt - June 13, 2018 at 11:02 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Marsha Kay Veldhuizen.



June 13, 2018 at 10:05 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Marsha's passing. She was such a delight to be around and always had a smile for everyone. Marsha epitomized the meaning of customer service at the bank. She will be missed on this earth but will be welcomed in heaven. God Bless her family.
With deepest sympathy,
Barbara and Dean Bone



Barbara and Dean Bone - June 12, 2018 at 10:56 PM



“ I am so sorry to be reading the passing of dear friend Marsha...enjoyed working with her at Mahaska State Bank, & the memories when she introduced to Cursillo...a great weekend of opening up to God...many blessings to her family & friends...



Sherry Willey - June 12, 2018 at 10:37 PM



“ Marsha was a special lady to me! Not only did I attend church with her, but I also had the pleasure of working with her at Mahaska State Bank. She loved life, had a lot of spunk, was adventurous and a joy to be around. I remember her yummy cinnamon rolls she would make and also the times she would welcome the youth group and post high kids in her home. She loved her family and friends. The popular song, I Can Only Imagine, makes me smile at the excitement she is experiencing now. Prayers to the family....take care.
Margie and Kip Greenhalgh

Kip and Margie Greenhalgh - June 12, 2018 at 10:27 PM



“ Don,, so sorry for your loss,,she was real sweet lady,,,She is resting in the arms of Jesus and we will all be together again some day May she Rip,My prayers are with you and your family at this sad time,,,God bless

Shirley Hunt - June 12, 2018 at 09:44 PM



“ So sorry to hear of her passing. Great lady

Bill and Ginger Grubb - June 12, 2018 at 08:38 PM



“ So sorry for your loss, but she is in a better place.



lou albers - June 12, 2018 at 08:28 PM



“ Linda Veldhuizen purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Marsha Kay Veldhuizen.



Linda Veldhuizen - June 12, 2018 at 08:07 PM



“ Deb DeWitt lit a candle in memory of Marsha Kay Veldhuizen



Deb DeWitt - June 12, 2018 at 07:59 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers are with you, Don and family! Marsha was a great lady.

Judy and Larry Lewis - June 12, 2018 at 07:10 PM



“ Shellene Grubbs lit a candle in memory of Marsha Kay Veldhuizen



Shellene Grubbs - June 12, 2018 at 05:59 PM



“ Marsha will be missed, My thoughts and prayers to her family.



Lorrie Dalton - June 12, 2018 at 05:51 PM



“ Very Special Lady entered the gates of heaven!! She will be missed. Prayers and Love to all of you as your celebrate your beloved Marsha

Jayne Wake - June 12, 2018 at 05:45 PM



“ Judy Belzer lit a candle in memory of Marsha Kay Veldhuizen



Judy Belzer - June 12, 2018 at 04:32 PM



“ so sorry to hear of your loss. Praying for peace and comfort during this trying time. Linda

Linda Munyon Carathers - June 12, 2018 at 09:05 PM



“ Marsha was special-I first met her in Delta High School and remained friends always.

Dixie Shipley

Dixie Shipley - June 13, 2018 at 10:56 AM



“ Marsha was more like a sister than a sister-in-law for many years. We always had so much to say that we kidded wondering which one of us could talk the fastest! She touched so many lives and lived life to the fullest - Evidenced by going through the photo journey - treasured moments remembered forever!

Love, Sandy Veldhuizen

Sandy Veldhuizen - June 14, 2018 at 01:49 PM