



Marcia Jo Buchanan

November 1, 1950 - March 27, 2020

Marcia Jo Buchanan passed away at her home in Yreka on March 27, 2020 after a brief battle with cancer of the tongue and throat. She was 69 years old.

Marcia was born at home on November 1, 1950 in Rippey, Iowa to Melvin and Karla Kallesen, who are now deceased. Her family moved to the Sacramento area when she was 13 years old, which Marcia often said was a difficult time in her life because she loved the rural farm life so much. She was a true Iowa girl. She graduated from Elk Gove High School and later worked in the personnel department at U.C. Davis Medical Center in Sacramento. During this time she was briefly married to Jon Mills, and they had a son (Christopher Jon Mills), who was the love of her life.

In 1977, she married Doug Buchanan and they moved to the Santa Barbara area where she worked in the personnel section at U.C. Santa Barbara. Doug's job as a California State Game Warden later brought them to Siskiyou County, where Marcia had a 20 year career as a rural mail carrier in the Shasta Valley. She loved all of her mail customers!

Marcia spent many years and hours as a volunteer administrator and board member for the South Yreka Fire Department and the South Yreka Firefighters Auxiliary. Her skills will be missed by these organizations.

She enjoyed just about any outdoor activity and was especially fond of hiking and birding. She always looked forward to the annual get together with some of her girlfriends from high school as well as the meetings of her quilting group.

Marcia is survived by Doug, her husband of 42 years; son Christopher of Wasilla, Alaska; daughter Kelly Buchanan of Desert Hot Springs, California; sister Debbie Odom and her husband Jim of Eagle, Idaho; granddaughters Mercedes and April, and four great grandchildren.

A special thank you goes out to the Madrone Hospice nurses and good friend Debbie Robinson who helped Marcia so much on her last days. True angels all! And we can't forget Girdner Funeral Chapel for their compassion during this difficult time.

A memorial service for Marcia will take place when we can once again gather together. The time and place will be announced via local media.

Tribute Wall

PP

“ Marcia was our mail carrier for many years. Our entire family loved her. Our kids always wanted to remember her at Christmas. Marcia always remembered our family even years after she wasn't delivering our mail anymore. She will be remembered warmly by us.



Patty Prosvirnin - May 08, 2020 at 02:03 AM

AP

*“ Marcia's mom was at linda vista in Ashland the same time as my grandma, years ago. Marcia made a point to pop her head in to say hello to my grandma even though gram was often "grumpy". What a sweet person to do that. Doug, and family, Im so sorry. She was absolutely lovely and I will always remember her smile and kindness.
-adrienne pere*

adrienne pere - April 19, 2020 at 12:28 AM

MK

“ My heart is broken to hear of Marcia's passing. She always had a smile and a hug ready to share. I will miss her! Please accept our condolences Doug and family! Pat and Mari-Ann Kallstrom

Mari-Ann Kallstrom - April 15, 2020 at 10:20 PM

BS

“ She always had a smile and kind word to share. I am sorry for your loss.

Barbara Silvius - April 15, 2020 at 07:46 PM

TG

“ *Marcia was a wonderful cousin and friend. She was always there for people in need and I could count on her to help out with family. She is sorely missed.*

Tamara Garcia - April 15, 2020 at 06:02 PM

AD

“ *Marcia was one of the sweetest women I got to know. She was our mail carrier and a friend. She will be missed.*

Ann Dutra - April 15, 2020 at 04:58 PM

CH

“ *I miss you Mom, very much. I couldn't of had a more loving mother. You putt up with me when I was a brat, and you were always there when I needed you. I can barely see the screen to tell you that I will always Love you. I know your in A better place now, with Grandpa and Grandma*

God Speed

Chris - April 13, 2020 at 10:14 AM

KE

“ *I will miss you and your advice, especially decorating tips. I will do my best to look after " you know who ", I promise. I know you are up there looking down keeping an eye on us. I can feel it....*



Kelly - April 12, 2020 at 07:09 PM

TB

“ Doug
We were shocked and saddened to read of your loss. You have our deepest sympathy and condolences.
Tom and Flo Barnes

Tom & Flo Barnes - April 09, 2020 at 11:44 PM

JN

“ A friendship we have had for 30 years. Will miss our conversations. Among many things, Marcia had two loves, Doug and her beloved volunteer fire department. She was so proud of both.
Rest in peace dear Marcia.
Jack and Rhonda Nehr

Jack and Rhonda Nehr - April 09, 2020 at 12:17 PM

BB

“ Whenever I ran into Marcia she was always happy and upbeat, it was great to see you both in Raleighs or somewhere because she always had a kind word and a smile. Doug I am so sorry for your loss , it is going to be a hard road ahead if you need to talk give me a call Becky Bowman 340-2913. So sorry

Becky Bowman - April 07, 2020 at 06:56 PM

BD

“ Marcia was a wonderful friend to me. A group of five us who went through high school together in Elk Grove Ca. reconnected and have been holding annual get togethers for the past few years. We are all so sad to lose our good friend. I want to share my sorrow with her family and friends.

Barb Dante, Nelson BC

Barbara Dante - April 07, 2020 at 02:38 PM

BC

Marcia was one of a kind, just one wonderful person. She will be missed so much. My heart goes out to you Doug. Do take care.
Betty Carrier

Betty Carrier - April 07, 2020 at 07:04 PM

GG

“ 1 file added to the album *Marcia Buchanan*



Gregg Girdner - April 07, 2020 at 01:08 PM



Dearest friend, I will miss your support and willingness to assist, whatever the task. Thank you for the difference your life made in ours.
Gretta Brown

Gretta Brown - April 07, 2020 at 07:27 PM