



## Marilee Eshelman

December 31, 1942 - November 9, 2022

Marilee Eshelman, 79, of Surprise, Arizona, passed away unexpectedly on November 9, 2022, at her home.

Marilee was born December 31, 1942, in Peoria, Illinois, to Otha and Emma (Binkele) Eshelman. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Suzanne. East Peoria was home in the early years. Marilee graduated from East Peoria High School and attended the University of Illinois. She worked for Illinois Bell all her life. First working in Peoria and Springfield, she then made her home in Lisle, Illinois, while working in downtown Chicago. Marilee loved traveling the world and learning different cultures. After retirement, Marilee moved to Surprise, Arizona, but always returned home to visit family and friends several times a year. Wherever she lived, she always had a faithful kitty at her side.

Surviving is an uncle, Bob (Bernetta) Binkele and her family of cousins.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial service will held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 5, 2022 at Gary Deiters Funeral Home in East Peoria. Visitation will be held one hour prior to her service. Burial will take place at the Peoria Apostolic Christian Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Apostolic Christian Skylines, 7023 Skyline Dr., Peoria, Illinois 61614. Online condolences may be left at [www.GaryDeitersFH.com](http://www.GaryDeitersFH.com).

# Cemetery Details

**Peoria Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery**

# Previous Events

## **Memorial Service**

DEC 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services Inc. - East Peoria  
444 E. Washington Street  
East Peoria, IL 61611

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marilee Eshelman*

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ *I was a neighbor and friend of Marilees for over 20 years. I am sorry for her death. I wish I and the many friends of Marilee had known about the memorial service as we would have attended. Many of them asked me if anything was being done and I had not heard anything. We all feel badly for missing it.*

**Nancy Machczynski** - December 15, 2022 at 01:23 PM



*Marilee was a thoughtful person. She gave me a couple rings she no longer wanted.  
I wish I knew about the Memorial. I would have attended. She will be missed by all her coffee friends and myself. My prayers are with her family.  
Respectfully,  
Maureen Carey*

**Maureen Carey** - December 15, 2022 at 06:01 PM



*Marilee and I were friends for almost 70 years. I was happy to see her at our class' 50th reunion. I'm sorry I didn't know about the memorial service, as I would have appreciated being there. She was a close friend, and I'm pleased that we were able to keep in touch. She was a kind, thoughtful person, whom I was happy to call a friend all these years.*

**Marilea Zajec** - January 10, 2023 at 12:14 AM

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*Marilee and I were co-workers at Illinois Bell. When my Christmas card was returned in 2022, I wondered what had happened to her. She was a dear friend. I'm so sorry for her passing.*

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**Myrna S Stephens** - February 07, 2025 at 12:18 AM