



Marla Christine Buerger Liberty Friedrich

March 21, 1940 - June 12, 2018

Marla Christine Buerger Liberty Friedrich, 78, of Rochester, NY, passed away on June 12, 2018 in Fairfax County, VA.

She was born to Martin and Lila MacAskill Buerger on March 21, 1940 in Boston, MA, the oldest of 6 daughters. She graduated from Weston High School and received a BA in English from Mount Holyoke College in 1962. She went on to receive a BFA and MFA from the Rochester Institute of Technology. She married Louis E. Friedrich in 1965, and their daughter Lisa Marie was born in 1970.

Marla was a professional artist, with a passion for animals, music and poetry. She was always thinking of others, never resting if any living creature, human or animal, was being treated unfairly or unkindly. She had a gift for seeing beauty in everything, and a talent for sharing that beauty with every life she touched. She shared her life with a myriad of adopted and fostered critters, including birds, cats, dogs, fish, and especially her beloved horse Champ, cat Nipper, fish Sharky and Cleo, and dogs Mickey and Sugar.

She leaves her devoted husband Louis, daughter Lisa (Becker), son-in-law Randy and one grandson Oliver, sisters Laura, Janet and Patricia, 3 nieces and a nephew, and many beloved friends, plus numerous pieces of artwork, quilts, poetry, and many other beautiful hand-made creations.

A private burial was held at Sydenstricker United Methodist Cemetery on June 15. Donations in Marla's memory can be made to Lollypop Farm (the Humane Society of Greater Rochester, NY), www.lollypop.org.

Tribute Wall



“ *Marla Christine Buerger Liberty Friedrich*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



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Jefferson Funeral Chapel - January 28, 2019 at 10:09 AM



“ *I met Marla at the Winton Festival. I was a vender selling my handcrafted and personally designed jewelry. Marla always found one or more pieces that she liked. Over the years, we became good friends. Marla was a very talented artist herself. She made the most beautiful cards. I loved her religious themes as did my friends and relatives that I sent them to.. She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church where I also did a Fall craft show for years after she recommended it. Although I moved to Acworth, Ga. a few years ago, we still emailed each other. I will miss her in this physical world until I join her one day.*

Candle of Memories - July 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ I met Marla and Lou when they walked into my clogging class one evening (I believe in 1990 or 91) at the Rush Henrietta Continuing Education. Marla and Lou were very supportive and quickly became friends with many in the group. A few folks went out for coffee after class and began to talk and get to know more about each other through our shared stories. In addition to the classes we formed the Henrietta Stompers. Marla was instrumental in the design of our logo. The group performed at local festivals and visited nursing homes sharing our love of dance, music and history. It was uncertain who benefited most from these experiences the performers or the audience. We looked forward the Nickel City clog convention each year meeting with fellow cloggers and the master instructors from the US and Canada, who provided us with new material and dance steps. As costs and fees increased we began to meet at a fellow clog dancers home (Jim Beggs). We shared responsibility for teaching and continued to enjoy this beautiful togetherness. Lou and Marla were always smiling and enjoying the experience of dancing together side by side and as part of the group. When I made the decision to retire from teaching and clogging due to knee and leg issues – Marla remained my friend. We met monthly supporting and encouraging each other. At times we soothed each other’s weary spirits with music, poetry or fun stories from our lives. Marla had a bright smile and gentle spirit that will remain with me and all that have known her.

*Elleen O’Brien
Rochester, NY*

July 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Marla Christine Buerger Liberty Friedrich

June 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM