



Marlene Catherine Gilks

January 17, 2025

In Loving Memory of Marlene Catherine Gilks (Commerford)

October 1, 1940 – January 17, 2025

With deep sadness, we announce the passing of Marlene Catherine Gilks, age 84, who peacefully left us on January 17, 2025, surrounded by her loving family after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Born on October 1, 1940, in St. Catharines, Ontario, Marlene was raised by her devoted parents, James and Mary. Throughout her life, she formed many enduring friendships and lived with an unwavering spirit. On November 24, 1962, Marlene married the love of her life, Armand Peter Gilks, and together they built a beautiful marriage that lasted over 62 years.

Marlene was a dedicated mother and grandmother, always putting her family at the center of her world. Her award-winning career in the cosmetic and fragrance industries was marked by her hard work and passion. But it was her warmth, kindness, and infectious smile that left a lasting impression on everyone she met.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Armand; her children, Christopher Gilks and Lorraine Gilks (Earl Salzman); her grandchildren, Hannah Gilks (Patrick Mellor) and Nathaniel Salzman (Hayley McKay); her great-granddaughter, Zoe Mellor; as well as numerous family members and friends who will forever cherish her memory.

Marlene's legacy extends beyond her family. She will be remembered for her

love of music, fashion, cooking, and the treasured family recipes she passed down. Her kindness and generosity touched many lives, and her memory will continue to inspire all who knew her.

The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the exceptional staff at Belmont House for their care and compassion throughout the years. Though our hearts are heavy with grief, we take comfort knowing Marlene is at peace, surrounded by the love she so freely shared with all of us.

"Climb every mountain, ford every stream, follow every rainbow, 'till you find your dream."

The Sound of Music

Tribute Wall

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“ I have such great and fond memories of my dear sweet Cousin Marlene. She was so kind and caring to all of my Family. I remember all the Family Get Togethers either here in Niagara or in Toronto. All the times shared together will never be forgotten. Sincere Sympathy Armand ,Chris, Lorraine and Earl. Love from Wilma. I will be sending a donation in her memory to Belmont House ❤️

Wilma Telesnicki - March 25, 2025 at 02:10 AM

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“ My deepest and most sincere condolences Armand to you and the whole family and all of Marlene’s friends. I had the honour fo knowing her for many, many years and enjoyed so many wonderful moments together. Her smile and laughter was simply contagious. I loved our friendship which I deeply miss. My heart is filled with love and sadness.
Warmest regards, Christine Sampson



Christine Sampson - February 10, 2025 at 04:32 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to the Gilks family on the passing of Marlene. I am a colleague of Armand and did meet Marlene on a couple of occasions at different functions. She was a delightful, kind and warm person.
Truly sorry for your loss. Marie Natscheff

Marie Natscheff - January 24, 2025 at 02:16 PM