



Penelope Marlene Barnett

September 3, 2025

“Penelope” MARLENE Barnett, born March 16, 1933 passed away peacefully, surrounded by love and family on September 3, 2025 at the age of 92. Predeceased by her husband Ernest Douglas Barnett (June 1991).

Loving mother of Eren (Randy), Christopher (Shelley). Adoring grandmother of Andrew, Samantha (Kyle), Kyle, Shelby and Brent. Loving aunt of Nick (Mary) and Martin (Karin).

Marlene passed as she lived...on HER terms. She was a force to be reckoned with for all of her years. She was artistic, funny, witty and deeply devoted to her faith. A church Elder for more years that we can count, her love for her church sustained her always.

Whether she was in her studio designing and creating stained glass windows, or traipsing through the snow and ice in the Arctic, she lived life to the fullest.

We would like to thank the doctors and nurses in the Palliative Care Unit at Michael Garron Hospital for their wonderful care of Marlene and in carrying out her wishes with respect, dignity and love.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 20th at 2:00 p.m. at Beaches Presbyterian Church, 65 Glen Manor Drive, Toronto.

Zoom telephone numbers 647-374-4685 or 1-301-715-8592.

Meeting ID no. 88204924140.

This can be confirmed on the Beaches Presbyterian Church website.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to your charity of choice.

Tribute Wall

BL

“ What can you say about Marlene, except that she was one of a kind! While not related by blood, she and Ern were like an aunt and uncle to me and my siblings. She and my mother met when they were in grade 4 and were best friends going forward, until my mother's early passing. Too many memories to share, but at this difficult time our hugs and prayers go out to Eren, Chris, their families and other relatives and friends! May you find comfort in the knowledge that you will see her again! Bruce

Bruce Lonergan - September 27, 2025 at 07:07 PM

MI

“ 5 files added to the album Barbara Lonergan's album



Michele - September 17, 2025 at 07:35 PM

TB

“ *Marlene actually introduced my parents. They met at the Calvary Baptist youth group. When I was a teenage I baby sat Marlene and Ern's children. After my dad's passing Marlene was such a good friend to mum. She visited her at the cottage and after mum passed she visited me at my home. I have a beautiful piece of stained glass hanging in my kitchen that Marlene made us for a house warming gift when we first bought our home. I'm going to miss her, as a matter of fact, I already do. Marlene was a strong, intelligent woman, someone to look up to and I am grateful that she was a part of my life. Rest easy my friend* ❤️🙏

Trish Boyd - September 17, 2025 at 04:51 PM

ML

“ *5 files added to the album Barbara Lonergan's album*



Michele Lonergan - September 17, 2025 at 04:33 PM

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Michele Lonergan - September 17, 2025 at 04:28 PM

MB

“ *Marlene was a wonderful person and a great aunt to me.i know she will be sorely missed by many*

Michael Barnett - September 13, 2025 at 06:54 PM

DS

“ *I will remember Marlene's "looks" she would cast around---the "I'm going to laugh and don't make it worse" look--the "who is this person, anyway" look, the "try again" look, the "how long is this going to be" look, the "I'm proud of my children" look, the "is this for real" look, the "I'm happy I'm here" look, the "how bad is it, tell me" look, the "I love you" look, and so many more. But mostly, I will think of two things, her laughing with much joy, and her truth-telling. She wasn't always right, and if I added some information that would change her assessment she would pause and add "you just had to tell me that, didn't you" and we'd laugh again. I'm glad she left on her terms in the safe embrace of a mighty and gentle grace. Take a deep breath of it, now, dear friend, and rest. Until we meet again, Diane Strickland.xo*

Diane J. Strickland - September 12, 2025 at 09:23 AM

BH

“ *Marlene could tell a story like no other!! One of my favourites is the one with Marlene and Sam cleaning the church, while someone had forgotten to close the windows the previous evening. Well there was plenty of evidence of the birds and pigeons that enjoyed their time in the church. They both worked very hard cleaning the floors and pews of let's say droppings left by the flying darlings. As they were leaving after many hours cleaning, they thought it would be a good idea to turn on the fans to air the church. Well I can only say that Sam echoed, I guess this is where the saying came from, when the shhhs hits the fan!!! I laughed so hard, I cried!!! I have told Marlene's story a hundred times and will still carry on sharing her story. I will miss her so very much!*

Brenda Harney - September 11, 2025 at 09:20 PM

SA

One of my favourite memories. We shared this story at her bed side ❤️
- Sammy

Sammy - September 16, 2025 at 06:24 PM

BP

“ *So many memories of a great neighbor and family friend. Keep playing those cool records Marlene.*

Barb Pedder - September 11, 2025 at 08:46 PM

LR

“ *De Colores, Marlene. You were loved and you are missed.*

Lois Rooney-Giurin - September 11, 2025 at 07:11 PM