



Marcella J. Kalning

June 13, 1936 - March 2, 2018

Marcella "Marcy" Kalning was born June 13, 1936 in Turtle Lake, Wisconsin to Earl and Ottilia (Schmitz) Vink. She was born and raised on her family farm with her 10 brothers and sisters.

Marcy was the valedictorian of her high school class and after graduating moved to Tacoma, Washington where her sister Catherine lived. It was there she met and married the love of her life, Albert "Bo" Kalning on August 16, 1955. Together they raised five children. Their family grew to include fifteen grandchildren, twenty-six great grandchildren and countless others Marcy welcomed into their family.

Marcella ran a successful wedding planning business and managed operations at Tacoma Bank. However, her most cherished occupation was wife and mother.

Marcy and Bo were married for 54 years before Bo's passing in 2010. After Bo's passing Marcy settled in Gig Harbor, Washington. She chose a home where she kept fruit trees, flowers and bird feeders. She welcomed house guests and babies of all sizes, hosted craft parties, tea parties, checked on old neighbors that had moved away and got to know new ones that moved in. Marcy's home was a gathering place for her family. She hosted countless holiday dinners, skillfully sewed prom dresses, wedding gowns, bridesmaid attire and quilts for every generation. She refused to let her arthritis and heart disease limit her. Her family worked faithfully to make it possible for her to live a joyful and independent life.

Marcy's full, loving heart stopped beating on March 2, 2018 in her home. Though her family will never be the same, they are thankful for every moment she was with them.

Marcy is survived by her children and their spouses, Becki and Gary Arnts, Barbie Strote and Craig Emig, Betti and Tim Shuckhart, Mark and Cindy Kalning and Michael Kalning, her sister Deloris Chartrand, along with her 15 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren. Marcy looked to God for strength, comfort and guidance. She weathered every storm that

came her way with grace, class and dignity. Our world is a better place because of her.

Visitation will be held 12:00PM-8:00PM Thursday, March 8, 2018 in the Willow Room.
A Funeral Mass for Marcella will be held 11:00AM Friday, March 9, 2018 at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Tacoma, Washington.

Please share your memories of Marcella and condolences to the family by visiting the tribute wall.

Cemetery

Events

**Mountain View
Memorial Park**
4100 Steilacoom
Blvd. SW
Lakewood, WA,
98499

MAR Visitation 12:00PM - 08:00PM
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Willow Room - Celebration of Life Building on the grounds of
Mountain View Memorial Park
4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, LAKEWOOD, WA, US, 98499

MAR Rosary 05:00PM
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Willow Room - Celebration of Life Building on the grounds of
Mountain View Memorial Park
4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, LAKEWOOD, WA, US, 98499

MAR Funeral Mass 11:00AM
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Holy Cross Catholic Church
5510 N 44th St., TACOMA, WA, US, 98407

MAR Reception 12:30PM - 02:30PM
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Holy Cross Catholic Church
5510 N 44th St., TACOMA, WA, US, 98407

MAR Graveside Service 03:00PM
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Mountain View Memorial Park
4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW, Lakewood, WA, US, 98499

Comments



“ Marcy and Al accepted me into their family from day one I always felt like a daughter and sister. I will always remember being at their house for the holidays so many people so much food so many presents. I wondered how it was all possible, I soon found out it was a group effort with Marcy being the general and planning things out. Such a big family, so much love. Marcy will be missed by so many and I was lucky to have been a part of that. Your legacy will go on for ages in the family you raised so well and the people that were blessed to say they were your friends. I will miss you, I am a better person for having known you. Thank you for all you did for me. You were an amazing person.



Dianne Fox - March 11, 2018 at 09:16 PM



“ Dianne Fox lit a candle in memory of Marcella J. Kalning



Dianne Fox - March 11, 2018 at 09:06 PM



“ Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Marcella J. Kalning.



March 09, 2018 at 10:45 AM



“ Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Marcella J. Kalning.



March 08, 2018 at 01:48 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Marcella J. Kalning.



March 08, 2018 at 10:24 AM



“ Peter And Cindy Christensen lit a candle in memory of Marcella J. Kalning



Peter and Cindy Christensen - March 08, 2018 at 10:12 AM



“ Aunt Marcy was the best! I have great memories of our shared road trips back to Minnesota full of her stories about the family and her unfailing good humor (and sense of humor). She was so kind to my mom sending her flowers and cards to the nursing home to keep up her spirits and I know this was just the tip of the iceberg in terms of her showing love and kindness to all. She was a blessing. I will miss this extraordinary woman. Well done, Aunt Marcy.

Donna Schultz - March 08, 2018 at 09:26 AM



“ Thank you; this is a beautiful description of your Mom’s life! I am so grateful we were able to visit her last summer and hear her talk about her interests and accomplishments and memories. What I experienced with her I will always cherish!

Micki Johnson Simecek - March 07, 2018 at 09:00 PM