



Marsha VanMiddlesworth-Tice

April 14, 1945 - November 7, 2019

Marsha VanMiddlesworth-Tice, 74, passed away at her home on Thursday, November 7, 2019.

Marsha was born in Wichita, Kansas in 1945 to Bert and Thelma (Vannie) VanMiddlesworth. As a child, she resided in Wichita, KS, Derby, KS, Tuscon, AZ, and Seattle, WA. During her childhood, Marsha moved several times as her father Bert was required to relocate due to his career with Boeing. She made friends easily in each new town she lived in. She gained an interest in 4-H during her summers on the farm. Marsha's creative talent began at an early age with activities like cooking, sewing, craft projects, and gardening. Marsha had skill in painting with oils on canvas, glass, and metal, while her mother focused on painting china. However, her mother insisted on daily blackboard learning math and times tables as a young girl. This would eventually lead to her first job as a bank teller after her high school graduation.

She pursued an education at Kansas State University but realized she had a desire to travel. After applying to a flight attendant training program by American Airlines and successful completion of the program, she was hired in 1966. Marsha started on domestic flights during her early tenure at American. As time passed, she consistently rose through the ranks over three decades and finally retired as a senior purser(Flight-Attendant) on international flights to Western European countries. During her time working for American, she was based out of Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. She had a passion for travel, and by her smiling reaction you would receive when asking her about her adventures, you could instantly tell she had fond memories. During her time at American Airlines, through mutual friends, she was introduced to her future husband, Captain Robert Tice, an international captain and check airman for American Airlines in 1980.

Bob and Marsha married in 1982 and resided in Island Lake, IL, Orcas Island, WA, Barrington, IL, Spread Eagle, WI, and retired in Iron Mountain, MI. Together, they adopted four children (Lincoln, Jack, Jessica, and Melissa), as well as numerous beloved family pets over the years.

Throughout her life, she was known for her expertise in gardening. Her eldest daughter recalls Marsha fixing her garden and making it look beautiful, as well as her handcrafted Christmas cards, and Marsha's skills at gift wrapping. She participated and/or volunteered for the garden club, drawing classes, Eastern-Star, Ala-Non, Masonic Lodge breakfasts, Light at the Inn, and many other clubs. She was a devout Christian attending both St. Michaels Episcopal Church of Barrington, IL and later The First Presbyterian Church of Iron Mountain, MI. She actively volunteered in church events like weekly Wednesday dinners, coffee & fellowship, youth-group (scripture verse book donations) and many others. Her commitment to attending service, bible study, and video teachings was quite clear. She was known to be generous to others in the community. Marsha helped neighbors to shovel snow off driveways, cooking meals, driving people to appointments, without being asked or expecting anything in return. Marsha could enter a room with energy, a smile and her trademark sharp wit, which people caught on to quickly. Behind that though was a woman who was driven by passion and had a love for her colleagues, friends, and family. Marsha was a fighter, a warrior, and a scrapper. If she thought something wasn't right, she accepted the challenge and concentrated on solving the issue. She went through life as a type-1 diabetic; she was also a survivor of breast cancer, having been strong during the process with the help of her family and friends. Her strength and tenacity to move forward were inspiring even in the most challenging of times. She gave courage, love, and in many cases, tough love to her children and will be missed greatly. She is with the Lord now and her husband Robert as they watch over us.

She leaves behind a beloved sister, Susan Kleinbeck of Independence, KS; her eldest daughter, Jessica and son-in-law, Peter of Sweden; their children, Louise, Andreas, and grandson Marcus; a son, Lincoln, and a daughter, Melissa, of Reno, NV; her youngest son, G. Tice of Los Angeles, CA; good friend, Carol Larson; and sister-in-law, Jan Dickerson.

To all friends, family, and colleagues who knew Marsha and the Tice family and would like to contact to pass on thoughts and condolences, you may do so at the following:

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The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements.

Comments



“ We were deeply saddened to hear of Marsha's passing. We have years full of memories with she and Bob and the kids. She was a thoughtful loving neighbor and friend for more than 30 years. Our Stitch and Bit** gathering would not have been the same without her laughter and stories. Although we lived a great distance apart we kept in contact. I have pleasure in knowing that our last conversation was one in which she expressed peace and a strong spiritual balance in her life. We will hold all who she loved and loved her in our prayers. Marsha will be missed.

Karen and Curtis Moratz and Family
Southlake, Texas

Karen Moratz - November 16, 2019 at 03:25 PM



“ Her neighbors and friends here at White Birch Village are missing our living and caring Marsha. If there was a newby that moved in, she'd be the first to welcome them. She was more than a caring and concerned neighbor but a compassionate person. We are certainly missing our neighbor Marsha.

Gloria Burlo - November 16, 2019 at 04:18 PM



“ Mary Starck lit a candle in memory of Marsha VanMiddlesworth-Tice



mary starck - November 13, 2019 at 05:58 PM



“ Marsha was my first friend in this city. We shared many conversations over many cups of coffee

We will miss you
Dan and Mary Starck

mary starck - November 13, 2019 at 06:02 PM



“ We are all going to miss Marsha! Her beautiful smile and her energetic spirit were a wonderful blessing to our entire Church family. God has taken her Home and the Heavens are rejoicing!

Catherine Fox Lundy - November 14, 2019 at 05:53 PM



“ Remembering Marsha's ready smile and warm welcome every time we met. She will be warmly remembered and missed.

Jan Altobelli - November 15, 2019 at 09:34 AM



“ Katie lit a candle in memory of Marsha VanMiddlesworth-Tice



Katie - November 13, 2019 at 05:39 PM