



Marilyn Sue Boyd

November 10, 1953 - July 29, 2026

Marilyn Sue Boyd, 72, of La Harpe, Kansas, passed peacefully into the arms of Jesus on July 29, 2026. Born on November 10, 1953, in Iola, Kansas, Marilyn lived a life defined by faith, creativity, resilience, and an unwavering love for her family.

A devoted homemaker, Marilyn poured her heart into everything she touched. She was an artist, seamstress, writer, and musician a woman whose talents seemed endless and whose curiosity never faded. Her hands were rarely still, always creating, mending, crafting, or cooking something infused with care.

Marilyn's faith was the cornerstone of her life. She loved God deeply and spent countless hours reading her Bible, finding comfort, guidance, and joy in its pages. Her relationship with God shaped the way she treated others with compassion, patience, and a genuine desire to connect.

She had a passion for quilting and all forms of arts and crafts, turning simple materials into beautiful expressions of love. In the kitchen, Marilyn was nothing short of magic. Cooking was her second language, and you could taste her passion in every dish she prepared. Her meals were more than food they were memories, comfort, and togetherness.

Marilyn loved the outdoors, especially time spent camping and fishing at the lake. She thrived on new challenges and approached every obstacle with

determination. Even when she didn't succeed, she gave her best effort and inspired those around her to do the same. She was adventurous, spirited, and endlessly curious.

Above all, Marilyn loved people. She cherished her family and valued every moment spent with them. She stayed connected with friends near and far — some she spoke with daily, others less often — but always with genuine interest and an open heart. She was someone you could talk to about anything, someone who listened, encouraged, and cared.

Marilyn is survived by her husband, Joseph Boyd, of 22 years; her sister, Lori; her brothers, David and Bill; and five of her children: Shelly, Karen, Shari, Rachel, and Chad. She also leaves behind many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, each of whom carries a piece of her love and legacy. She is preceded in death by her daughter, Deena, and her son, Devon. Her love for her children both those still here and those who went before her was immeasurable and everlasting.

A celebration of Marilyn's life will be August 8, 2026, at 2 PM at High Point Cowboy Church, 204 E. 4th St., Colony, Kansas. Family and friends are invited to gather, share memories, and honor the remarkable woman who touched so many lives.

Marilyn loved to love and she did so fiercely, generously, and without hesitation. Her legacy lives on in the hearts of all who knew her.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

High Point Cowboy Church
204 E. 4th St.
Colony, KS 66015

Tribute Wall



“*From the very first time my dad introduced us, Marilyn and I shared a special connection. I’m not sure why—it just happened. It’s the kind of connection you only come across a handful of times in life.*

Over the years, we shared so many moments together—the good times and the hard times, filled with laughter, love, and even tears. One of my favorite memories is putting together the little ceremony at the house when she and my dad got married. It was beautiful, intimate, and full of love. It was perfect for them.

We shared so many adventures, from motorcycle rides to the time Fred and I surprised Dad and Marilyn during the Sturgis Rally. I’ll never forget the Christmas we surprised her with her own Harley. There were family holidays, our unforgettable trip to New Orleans, countless steak dinners, and evenings spent on the front porch with Marilyn and her daughter, Dena, sharing glasses of wine and conversations that could go on for hours.

Some of my most treasured memories are of Marilyn with my two daughters—laughing, learning, and yes, sometimes crying together. She loved so much, and they loved her.

Marilyn’s love, kindness, and graciousness were genuine. She had a way of making people feel seen, welcomed, and loved. Those of us who were lucky enough to be part of her life are better people because of her.

I will miss you more than words can say, Marilyn. Thank you for the love, the memories, and the gift of being my bonus mom. You will forever hold a special place in my heart. Rest peacefully. Xoxox ❤️

Karen Riley - August 07 at 06:16 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Marilyn Sue Boyd.*



August 07 at 05:15 PM



“It’s impossible for me to pick just one memory of Grandma because she was such a big part of my life. From the day I met her, she was one of the best and most special people I have ever known. She wasn’t just my grandma—she was my person. The one I could always go to for advice, comfort, a laugh, or just to know everything was going to be okay.

I’ll never forget all the things she taught me. She taught me how to sew and how to craft, sitting with me and patiently showing me how to do things even when I messed up. She taught me how to fish, how to bait my own hook, and how to actually enjoy the quiet moments by the water. She taught me how to cook, and how to feel proud of the little things I made because I learned them from her. And I’ll always remember waking up to her making me swimsuit pancakes in the morning—something so simple, but so full of love and comfort that it will stay with me forever.

I’ll never forget riding four-wheelers, or the time she threw my sister outside in the snow because my sister told Grandma she wouldn’t do it. 😭 And I’ll always remember going fishing and stepping off the side of the dam. Grandma immediately pulled me back up by my arms covered in moss, laughing so hard, and all I could say was “Grandpa is gonna be mad.” That special, unforgettable laugh that somehow let you know everything was okay. That’s where I got my nickname, “River Rat,” and it’s a memory I’ll carry with me forever.

I also think about the weekend at the lake house when I went with Landen and spent time getting to know. We went fishing, hung out on the hot hammock, and just spent time together. Even then, I remember thinking Joe was such a special person—like he was made just for my grandma. Seeing them together made so much sense, like he belonged in her world and added even more happiness to it.

And I will never forget how she showed up for me in the biggest moments of my life. When I had my first child, she was there at the

hospital, supporting me, loving me, and making me feel like I could get through anything just by having her there.

There are a lifetime of moments I could write about, because Grandma made an impact on every part of my life. She loved big, she made life fun, and she was always there when I needed her.

I will miss her more than words can say. This world just isn't the same without her, but I am so grateful I got to call her Grandma. I'll carry her love, her advice, her laughter, and all of those memories with me forever. ❤️

Nycole Cooper - August 07 at 03:35 PM

GC

“Gates Corporation purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Marilyn Sue Boyd.



Gates Corporation - August 07 at 02:52 PM

RF

“Rose Fry purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Marilyn Sue Boyd.



Rose Fry - August 06 at 10:23 PM

HS

“ Heavenly Threads Quilt Shop planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn Sue Boyd.

Heavenly Threads Quilt Shop - August 04 at 09:58 PM

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“ Heavenly Threads Quilt Shop purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Marilyn Sue Boyd.

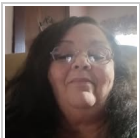


Heavenly Threads Quilt Shop - August 04 at 09:58 PM

DB

“ David B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn Sue Boyd.

David B. - August 04 at 02:49 AM



“ You were so mean to me when we were growing up, I will miss you dearly love you sis.

Sheila Linnabary - July 31 at 07:25 PM



“ Marilyn married Trav and I. Will never forget her.

Janet Roeder - July 31 at 03:18 PM