



Marilyn D. Inman

June 18, 1939 - May 29, 2026

LONGVIEW, TX – Marilyn D. Inman, age 86, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 29, 2026, in the comfort and dignity of her home. At the time of her passing, she was in the hearts of those she loved the most.

Born in Frankfort, NY on June 18, 1939, Marilyn was the daughter of the late Chester A. and Mary Ella (Taylor) Inman. She was raised locally and attended T.R. Proctor High School.

Marilyn shared a lifelong partnership with her beloved companion, Katherine “Kay” Percola. The two were devoted to one another throughout their 50 years together. Marilyn’s relationship with Kay was her greatest joy. Together, they shared unconditional love and were inseparable. Their bond was a testament to their enduring companionship until Marilyn’s passing.

Marilyn dedicated many years of service to our community. She began her work at Mele Manufacturing and then accepted a position with the General Electric Co. at their Broad Street location, working in radio receiving. She later worked at Light Military on French Road. She then began driving a school bus and later moved on to the Utica Transit Authority, where she served as a driver for 30-plus years. Throughout her career, Marilyn made many friends. She showed great compassion and empathy to her passengers and was a true humanitarian.

Above all, Marilyn's life was centered on love, loyalty, and family. She was very engaging, charitable, and optimistic, always emphasizing the importance of helping people whenever and wherever she could. Time was never a factor when someone needed her.

Raised in a large family heavy in number of brothers, Marilyn learned not to be afraid to get dirty. She was not a "girly girl," she could fix a car, swear like a trooper, and was not afraid of confrontation. She learned woodworking, plumbing, remodeling, and sheetrock work, and was devoted to finishing any task she started. Marilyn was humble and giving, always doing for others, often without charging. She took people at face value and found ways to be of the most help, showing reliability in all she did. She was a spirited individual.

She was devoted playing the slots, especially the original "one-armed bandit." Sunday dinners at Grandma Inman's house were especially memorable. She would play card games with her brothers and, when the ante was serious, even Grandpa Inman would join the gang. Marilyn was a cigarette smoker, and she also made the addition of long filters, thinking and convincing others of its reduction of nicotine consumption.

Marilyn held close the beliefs of her Methodist faith. In her quiet time, she prayed to the Lord for her needs and intentions.

Marilyn is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Bonnie and Bruno Bergeron. She forever remembered her siblings and their spouses who preceded her, Chester F. and Rita Inman, Harold S. and Dorothy Inman, Donald A. and Vera Inman, Richard D. Inman, Jack F. Inman, Billie Gene "Jay" Inman, James Inman, and Alice and Alexander Chiffy. She is further survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces, great-great-nephews; and her sister-in-law, Dawn Inman.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you for the love and care from Beverly Fellone, Amber and Bryan Preston and their children, as well as the Preston family. There will be many relatives and friends who will cherish Marilyn's memory and miss her dearly.

Gratitude is extended to Prime Care Hospice of Longview, Texas, for providing comfort and care to Marilyn during her final days.

A Memorial Gathering in Marilyn's honor will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2026, from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Prayers of Departure will be offered at the funeral home upon the conclusion of the gathering. A Graveside Service will follow in New Forest Cemetery. By family request, please omit floral offerings.

"Those we love don't go away; they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near."

Cemetery Details

New Forest Cemetery

2001 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JUN 11. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Final Prayer

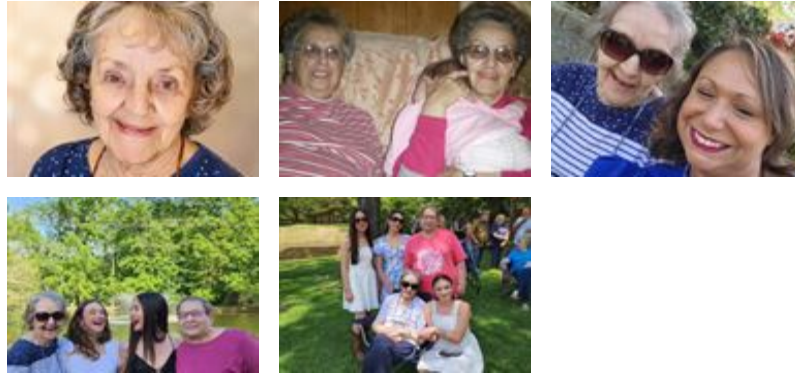
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“ My family lived on Blandina Street in a two-family house. We lived on the second floor and Marilyn lived on the first floor with my aunts and cousin. For as long as I can remember, Marilyn was a part of my life and the life of my parents and siblings. As children and even as adults we went up and down between the two floors as if it was one house. Marilyn was there for all the major and minor events in our lives. She was part of our family. As the family grew to include grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces & nephews Marilyn was as big a part of their lives as she was for ours. Marilyn was a wonderful woman who was kind and caring. We loved her very much. We will miss her but will cherish the memories we shared over the years.



*Rest in Peace and Love Marilyn,
Percola Family*

Laura Percola - June 02 at 09:30 PM

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“ Aunt Marilyn was in my family before I was even born. She was my grandmother's friend and became my Aunt Kay's and my dad's bonus "sister" and my Irish Aunt. She was there for every high and low in my life She taught me how to ride a bike, drive a car and use tools. She took me and my brother on numerous bus runs during the summers when she drove school bus for Mohawk Trails. I will forever cherish the memories of all the countless trips we took both when I was a child and later in life with my children. She was happiest when she was around all the kids, and took immense pride in guiding the next generation and even became a den mother to my brothers Cub Scout group. She loved cooking and made a mean cheesecake which she made for us every year for New Year's. She relished the summers in our yard playing cards with my Aunt Kay and my parents and never failed to torture my father every chance she got. They had a true brother sister relationship. She was the ultimate Jack of All Trades and could often be found arguing with my dad when they were fixing something together. Christmas was where she really shined. Decorating our house from the front yard to the roof with my father, and on the the inside, no space was spared a decoration. She was generous, kind and loving. A void is left that cannot be filled. Rest in Peace Aunt Mar, Aunt Alice and Aunt Kay are waiting for you.



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