

Marla Mae Bohling

December 16, 2019



Marla Mae Bohling (Fritz-Fratangelo) passed away December 6, 2019 at Sea View Senior Living Community in Brookings Oregon. She was surrounded by her loving family and care workers as she passed peacefully as she went to our Lord after a long battle with dementia and heart failure.

Marla was born May 3, 1934 to Joseph and Florence Fritz. She was preceded in death by her parents Joseph and Florence Fritz, her brother Renaldo Fratangelo of Salem Oregon, Roger Fritz of Antelope California, and her eldest daughter Dianna Riedel of Crescent City California.

Marla is survived by her husband of 68 years, Dale Bohling of Fort Dick California and her daughters Marilyn Van Brocklin/Doug of Medford Oregon, Sharon Walker/Ken of Greenville California, her grandchildren Nicole Guzman-Colburn, Veronica Wilt, Florentino Guzman, Matthew Downey, Thomas Downey, Aaron Bohling, Dustin Nelson as well as her brother Michael Fritz/Pam of Forresthill California and eight great grandchildren, and sister-in-law Darlene Harding.

Marla was raised in a close knit Italian/German family in St. Paul, Minnesota within the Italian community. The Italian family members (her father's side) all lived in homes on the same street as she did. The German side of her family (her mother's) also lived close by.

Over the years, Marla has shared many fond memories of growing up surrounded by her family and extended family members. They all interacted by having traditional home cooked Italian Sunday meal gatherings (as well as all the holidays), listening to Italian/German polka music, dancing and attending Sunday Mass together. Many times Marla would be leaving church after Mass and her Grandmother, Filomina, would take her hand and take her back in for a second Mass. She would say she was really "Holy". She attended the local Catholic Elementary School and would often stay after school to help the Nuns.

She often spoke of going to the market shopping with her Grandma Filomena at the levee of the Italian Community. Also, her Aunt "C", as she called her, lived next door and would treat her with little bags of candy. When she was five years old her mother entered her into a "Doll Contest" where she was all dressed up just like her doll (which her mother made) and pushed her doll carriage in a parade for the contest and she won First Prize.

When Marla was 12 years old, her father made the decision to move the family out west for better work opportunities landing them in San Francisco then the Central Valley area of Delhi/Livingston California.

Marla attended Livingston High School where she met her husband, Dale Bohling and they became High School Sweethearts. They married on June 9, 1951 and later had three daughters.

They then moved to the Bay Area in California a while later where Marla attended Cosmetology College. She grew a clientele where she became in demand for her patrons for their hair care needs. She graduated and took her state board tests in 1959 and has maintained her Cosmetology License.

Marla will be remembered for her love of the Lord and her loving devotion to her family. She was the "Light and Center" of our family. She cared for her family in whatever way needed, unselfishly.

Marla was a superb cook, enjoyed baking, collecting and sharing recipes and loved gardening. She grew a beautiful lemon tree from a seed which produces abundantly.

Our family will be forever grateful to the staff and care workers at Sea View who lovingly cared for Marla as well as the Coastal Home Health and Hospice Team who were all so wonderfully and lovingly devoted to Marla. Joanne from the local Catholic Church, "Star of the Sea" was very devoted to bringing church to Marla every Sunday and coming by to visit with her often.

Viewing will be at Wier's Mortuary on Tuesday December 17, 2019 from 12-5 pm. Mass will be at St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 319 E St, Crescent City California on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 10:00 am followed by interment at the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery located at 400 Cooper Street, Crescent City California. There will be a gathering at the Catholic Church's Knights Hall following interment.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wier's Mortuary Chapel.

Please sign the family's online guest book at wiersmortuary.com