



Marla Kriewall

May 17, 1931 - October 22, 2019

Marla Kriewall spent her life along the 11 miles from Harbor Beach Community Hospital to the family farm northwest of Port Hope. Within those 11 miles, she tended the sick, comforted the elderly, taught the young, took the lead where needed, and raised a family.

When people there said the name “Marla,” everyone knew exactly who they were talking about.

Marla Marie Kriewall, 88, of Port Hope, died peacefully Oct. 22 in Harbor Beach Community Hospital. She died with family members by her side and in the place she treasured.

Marla Winkel was born May 17, 1931, in the Harbor Beach Hospital to the late Martin and Emma Winkel. She married John Kriewall on Nov. 22, 1952. John died In 2018.

They have five children: Garth (Diane) Kriewall of Port Huron; Rodney (Kathy) Kriewall of San Jose, CA; Beth (Gene) King of Bancroft, MI; Martin (Darla) Kriewall of New Richmond, WI; and Dinah (Wayne) Watson of Doraville, GA.

They have six grandchildren: Rayna (Josh) Wierenga and Faith (Wes) Carlson of San Luis Obispo, CA; Heather (Jordan) Adams of Mount Pleasant, SC; John Walter (Ann) Kriewall of Columbus, OH; Will Kriewall of East Lansing; and David Franklin of Woodbury, MN.

They also have four great-children.

Marla worked at Harbor Beach Community Hospital immediately after graduating from St. Mary's Nursing School in Saginaw in 1952. She later was responsible for opening a long-term care unit at the hospital. She oversaw designing the unit, doing the paperwork, buying equipment and training staff. She managed the unit for many years. It was the same highly respected facility in which she spent the final two years of her life.

After retiring as a registered nurse at the hospital, Marla was recruited to join the hospital board. She soon was named chairwoman.

In addition, she was deeply involved with and was a donor to the hospital foundation, whose goal is to ensure the long-term viability of the community-owned hospital.

Her other civic activities included the local Girl Scouts council, Port Hope Community Schools, the Port Hope Chamber of Commerce, St. John Lutheran Church and the Grindstone-Port Hope Sportsman's Club.

She also worked at the family farm, where one of her children once remarked, "Mom, aren't you glad you had so many children to help you with this big garden?" She and John traveled extensively around the United States and the world, which she greatly enjoyed.

Visitation will be 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, 2019 at Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach. Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26 at St. John Lutheran Church, Port Hope. Visitation also will be 10 a.m. until time of services at the church.

Memorials may be made to Harbor Beach Community Hospital Lakeview Extended Care & Rehab, the HBCH Foundation, or St. John Lutheran Church.

Interment will be in Port Hope's Marquardt Cemetery — which is 12 miles from the hospital.

Memories can be shared at www.RamseyFH.com

Cemetery Details

Marquardt Cemetery

Port Hope, MI 48468

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **25**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ramsey Funeral Home, Inc
425 State St
Harbor Beach, MI 48441
(989) 479-3407
<https://www.ramseyfh.com>

Service

OCT **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church
Port Hope, MI 48468

Tribute Wall



“ *Marla Kriewall*

October 04, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ *We are so sorry that we missed this earlier as we did not expect this. Such a wonderful lady we have known for over 20 years, remembering her work at the Port Hope July 4th activities and watching the fireworks together, brunch after church and putting up with John's never-ending corny jokes. So happy that we were able to see her and visit this past summer and early fall. We will miss her.*

Dave and Gail Huber

Dave & Gail Huber - October 27, 2019 at 09:20 AM



“ *A lovely, strong, intelligent woman. So glad we got to meet her. Tom and Trish*



Tom and Trish Klamert - October 25, 2019 at 02:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marla Kriewall.*



October 25, 2019 at 02:33 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marla Kriewall.



October 24, 2019 at 01:49 PM



“ Ellen Rapson lit a candle in memory of Marla Kriewall



Ellen Rapson - October 24, 2019 at 08:28 AM



Marla was a fantastic icon to Harbor Beach Community Hospital and the Long Term Facility. I worked there as a candy striper, nurses aide and license practical nurse. There wasn't anyone elsethat could fill the shoes that Marla did. I will always have such fond memories of her and have gratitude to her of molding need to be the nurse that I was. May your soul rest in eternal peace Marla. 🕊️🙏🏠🌸

Ellen Rapson - October 24, 2019 at 08:30 AM



“ Kenny and Sherri Smith purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Marla Kriewall.



Kenny and Sherri Smith - October 24, 2019 at 08:26 AM

CP

“ *Worked in housekeeping when she was an R. N. Always so nice with a smile and a good morning to me! Beautiful person!*



Carole pleiness - October 23, 2019 at 05:22 PM

CA

“ *Mrs
I new her as "Mrs. Kriewall" for all my formative years during Girl Scouts and many Port Hope Community School events. I graduated with her daughter, Dinah. When I started work after nursing school at Harbor Beach community hospital I had a hard time calling her Marla. M but over the years I grew to enjoy her leadership both at work and at school and church functions. I will truly miss her. I'm sorry that I cannot be attending her funeral as I have prior family arrangements made for Saturday, but you will all be in my prayers.*

Corinne Abraham - October 23, 2019 at 04:54 PM

MD

“ *My deepest sympathy to Marla's family. She was my boss for many years at the HBCH. Wonderful lady*

Monica Draher - October 23, 2019 at 04:02 PM



“ I worked with Marla in several functions for St. John's Lutheran Church and School, Port Hope Chamber of Commerce, Port Hope Community Schools, and we both served several terms as Officers on the Board of Directors at the Grindstone Port Hope Sportsman club, she was a wealth of earned wisdom and knowledge. My favorite time spent was guiding her through computer issues at John and Marla's farm home. I will miss those visits. Godspeed my friend.

Michael Schave - October 23, 2019 at 04:00 PM



“ Alice And LeRoy Schave lit a candle in memory of Marla Kriewall

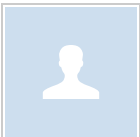


Alice and LeRoy Schave - October 23, 2019 at 03:06 PM



“ what a special lady, great friend and very caring nurse. May Gods peace be with your family they have many great memories to share. Will always remember that beautiful smile. Will miss you my friend.

Alice and LeRoy Schave - October 23, 2019 at 03:05 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Marla Kriewall.



October 23, 2019 at 02:57 PM

DL

“ Marla was a volunteer in my 3rd and 4th grade classroom at Port Hope Community Schools. When a child had a problem in a certain area, I could show their work to Marla, and she would tutor them in that area and "voila" they would have a better understanding.. She was wonderful with children.

Donna Lawitzke - October 23, 2019 at 02:56 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Garth Kriewall - October 23, 2019 at 02:45 PM

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“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Garth Kriewall - October 23, 2019 at 02:44 PM

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“ Kevin, Cheryl, Caitlin and Kalise Kriewall purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Marla Kriewall.



Kevin, Cheryl, Caitlin and Kalise Kriewall - October 23, 2019 at 01:48 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marla Kriewall.*



October 23, 2019 at 01:13 PM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Marla Kriewall.*



October 23, 2019 at 12:29 PM