



Marilyn Jayne Reedy

April 7, 1954 - January 17, 2026

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of a beloved friend and family member, Marilyn Jayne Reedy, of Easton, MD, on Saturday, January 17, 2026, at University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore, MD. She was 71 years old. Her passions were gardening and the environment, helping others, and her little rescue dog, Abby.

Marilyn was born on April 7, 1954, in Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland to Robert and Margaret Earl. She weighed 2 lbs 12 oz and was 15 in long.

She spent most of her time growing up with her sisters in Montana before moving to Colorado in 1968. She graduated from Arvada West High School in 1971 with honors.

At 18 years old she returned to the state of Maryland. She worked for 25 years as an insurance director at a nursing home in Frederick.

Marilyn and her soulmate Doug were married in April 1991 in a beautiful garden in a local park. They settled in Easton in 2015.

In 2015 Marilyn and her late husband, Doug, moved to Easton, MD. Marilyn blossomed. Marilyn developed a large coterie of friends and acquaintances who value the environment and gardening, and she set out to serve “her”

community. Marilyn quickly became involved in volunteer organizations that focused on improving this planet, in general, and the Chesapeake Bay region, in particular, including Master Gardeners, Master Naturalists, Adkins Arboretum, Oxford Garden Club, and the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland. In each organization, Marilyn took on leadership positions and guided many successful projects. Marilyn also was an avid sustainable home gardener, filling her yard with native plants to create habitat for birds, butterflies, and bees and giving beauty back to the world. Her involvement in the community and her home brought Marilyn a rewarding sense of purpose.

While Marilyn worked relentlessly to serve the community, it was her outgoing, caring, empathetic, thoughtful personal qualities that made her so memorable. Marilyn was the first to greet and offer aid to friends, acquaintances, and strangers; and she was the last to leave meetings to assure no one or no task was left behind. Marilyn loved to share ideas, treats, thoughtful gifts, kind and encouraging words, smiles, and her famous hugs.

We know Marilyn would be happy to know that she continued to help others even after her death by participating in the organ donation program. We thank the doctors, nurses, techs, aides, and EMTs who so professionally and kindly assisted Marilyn on her final earthly journey at the University of Maryland Shore Medical Center in Easton and at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore.

Marilyn was preceded in death by the passing of her beloved husband of 32 years (1957-2023), and her father, Robert Earl (1928-2020). She is survived by her mother, her two sisters, and four nieces and nephews.

We invite friends to join us in celebrating Marilyn's spirit, life, and legacy in the Spring. Details will be shared at a later date.

Memorial Donations may be made to one of the organizations Marilyn volunteered at, or a charity of your choice.

May our dear Marilyn Reedy's soul rest in peace.

Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Marilyn was a repeat and passionate customer at the nursery I work at; she was always friendly, always engaging, and always a pleasure to work with.*

Mason - May 13 at 02:44 PM

AL

“ *My colleague Jim Bent and I had the good fortune to help Marilyn and Doug find and move into their Easton home ten years ago. We know that they loved it here, and Marilyn especially acquired a large and devoted network of friends, primarily through her interest in horticulture and gardening. Just before Thanksgiving of last year, Marilyn had me over for the morning, partly to show me the various improvements they had made to the house, garden and a splendid garage (Doug's favorite space). It was good to see this kind woman so happy in her surroundings and clearly cherished by many friends who were to include her in their upcoming family festivities. I'm glad for that visit, but sad to know it was the last. Jim and I send sincere condolences to Marilyn's family.*

*Anna Larkin
(of Benson & Mangold)*

Anna Larkn - February 13 at 05:34 PM

MK

“ Marilyn— thank you for taking on a shy, but incredibly sweet foster dog through my rescue! Your photos and videos always brought such joy when you would provide updates. My favorite was that you would always sign your text messages to me when ‘M’. This little furball was so lucky to have you in her life, although brief, I know you both had such a special bond. Ultimately, you said you weren’t giving her up and I couldn’t have been happier for you both. You had mentioned wanting to name her Fern, but ultimately chose Abby. Thank you for loving her.



Meredith Krissoff - February 04 at 12:54 AM

JM

“ 1 file added to the album *Our friend Marilyn*



Janet Mackey - January 28 at 02:17 PM

“ On January 15 2026 at 1:33 am
I was violently woken up by a thumping banging sound.

Everything was ok at the house; but I wrote down on my notes:

“Something in the universe is wrong. Not sure, but it feels bad.”

Later that day I got a phone call that Marilyn has had a massive deadly stroke.

Heart breaking....

We were told that she would die by the morning.

Everyone called her to say their goodbye's; but me...

I'm not good at that. I guess I'm too selfish to let go.

I love her too much and don't want to say good bye.

As time went by I would write down all the wonderful memories, feelings and joy that she brought to my life.

By 9:45 pm I got brave enough to call her.

I told her how lucky it was for me that she could take my phone call.

How all of my life she was my idol. I always looked up to her.

Not only was she the smartest person in the room, but in my eyes the most beautiful too.

So some of my favorite childhood memories are of her on the tangle tower climbing set.

She was always so strong and graceful.

How everyone admired her water skiing abilities.

And that I thought she was the worlds best dog trainer. Especially with our childhood dog Patches

Speaking of dogs, I wanted her to know that her dog Abbey was safe, well and happy.

And tell her that she has great friends.

Some of her friends are helping Abbey and anxiously waiting for her to come home.

I wanted to tell her that I love her with my whole heart.

And for her to take care of herself.

I also wanted to remind her that Doug, her friend Thelma and Teddy are waiting for her with open arms on the other side of the rainbow bridge.

It's nice there; they are happy and can't wait to see her again.....

10 mins later she died.....

Her legacy shows in each of us who knew and loved her!

She easily made friends and was a good friend too.

She left us with a lasting influence about how beautiful nature is.

And how important it is to take care of nature, our communities and our loved ones.

As she did in her gardening, she cultivated love, patience and growth in us all.

Planting seeds of love, acceptance and kindness among us.

I am forever grateful that she was a part of my life.

*Thank you,
Patricia Davenport*

patricia Davenport - January 27 at 08:14 PM

DC

Beautifully said...

Dave Crozier - February 03 at 08:41 PM