



Marlene Dolores Burns

June 30, 1944 - February 18, 2026

Marlene Dolores Burns, 81, of Chester, Maryland, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family. Born on June 30, 1944, to Frank and Helen Zukauckas in Richeyville, Pennsylvania. Marlene moved to Washington, DC in 1962 where she began her career with C&P Telephone Company.

While in Washington, DC she met and married Jack Burns in 1966. They moved to Lanham, Maryland where they started their family together. Later moving to Mitchellville, Maryland where they owned a concrete and marble business, Hoyle Stone. Marlene managed the office while raising three active daughters. They retired and moved to Shenandoah Junction, West Virginia where they never lost their entrepreneurial spirit and continued to pass their time with commercial real estate ventures. Marlene enjoyed dividing time between Crofton, Maryland, Ocean City, Maryland and Ronceverte, West Virginia. Her world also revolved around her three grandchildren, Taylor, Madison and Carter.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Jack, her parents and her brother Ken. She is survived by her siblings Gerry Mizerak (Bill), Bonnie Maydak (Bill), Diane Maydak, Rick Zukauckas (Susan) and sister-in-law, Dot along with many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her children Cindy Duncan (Craig), Cathy Foy (Mike), and Crisy Burns; her grandchildren

Taylor Duncan (Elaine), Madison Kiser (Brady) and Carter Duncan (Caroline); and her great granddaughter Daisy Duncan.

Marlene's warmth, strength, and generous spirit touched all who knew her. She will be missed dearly and remembered always for the love she gave so freely.

Tribute Wall

CM

“ Chris and Deb Maydak purchased the Comfort & Sweetness Gift Crate for the family of Marlene Dolores Burns.



Chris and Deb Maydak - March 13 at 01:04 PM

DZ

“ Dorothy Z. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marlene Dolores Burns.

Dorothy Z. - February 26 at 12:06 AM

SA

“ Our deepest condolences to the family. She was a lovely person who will be missed. Sincerely. Sandra and Rich Baker, Walkersville, Maryland



Sandra - February 22 at 12:57 PM

TR

“ Marlene was a very special friend 😭 I tried for years to get in touch with her through telephone calls & letters after suddenly not hearing from her. Condolences to all the family. Rest in peace my dear Marlene 🙏🙏🙏



Tina (Cathy) Romanakis-Greene - February 20 at 12:16 PM

CD

“ Carolyn D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marlene Dolores Burns.

Carolyn D. - February 20 at 07:57 AM