



Marilyn Miller Rowland

December 19, 2013

Marilyn Miller Rowland passed away Thursday December 19, 2013 at Golden Living Nursing Home in Portsmouth, Virginia. Marilyn was the daughter of Steve A. and Bessie T. Miller. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her nephew, Sidney E. Harman III.

Born in Hopewell, Virginia, she lived most of her life in Portsmouth where she was a proud graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School class of 1956. She received her B.A. from James Madison University and her M.A. from Old Dominion University. She taught in area high schools for 35 years including Portsmouth Catholic, Woodrow Wilson, John Yeats, and she especially loved Frederick Military Academy, remaining a member of its Alumni Association until her death.

Marilyn is survived by her daughter, Michelle West-Manuel and her husband, Paul Manuel; sister, Judith M Harman and her husband, Sidney "Sid" E. Harman Jr.; a niece, Melanie Witten and her husband, Trey Witten; two great nephews, Cole and Kyle Everitt; two half sisters, Carole Anne Miller and Debby Miller; a half brother, Steve A. Miller Jr. and his wife Sheila; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, her good friend, Shelby West and the sunlight of her life Leo.

Visitation will be held Sunday, December 22 from 3:00 to 4:30 at Loving

Funeral Home, 3225 Academy Ave, Portsmouth, Virginia 23703. A Memorial Service will be held Monday, December 23 at 12:00 p.m. also at Loving Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers donation may be made to Cancer Care Foundation of Tidewater, P.O. Box 12693, Norfolk, VA 23451; Portsmouth Humane Society 4022 Seaboard Ct, Portsmouth, VA 23701, Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011; Red Cross 611 Brambleton Ave, Norfolk, VA 23510-1004; American Lung Association P.O. Box, Albert Lea, MN 56007-8000, or to Old Dominion University and James Madison University.

Tribute Wall



“ *Fond memories of a beautiful person.##imported-begin##Reba McEntire Merkle##imported-end##*

December 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Marilyn, we will miss talking with you at the family reunions. You were always so kind to me and my family. Our prayers go out to you and the Miller family.##imported-begin##Cathy Donnelly##imported-end##*

December 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Frederick Mil. Academy Alumni will miss you. I to will miss you.*

Granville Hogg and Gwendolyn Coghill##imported-begin##Granville Hogg '65##imported-end##

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“ *My prayers are with you and your family. Mrs. West the best teacher I ever had, a kind caring person and teacher, loyal and true. I am sorry I didn't get to see her before she passed. God bless you Mrs. West, rest in Peace. FMA Cadets loved you.##imported-begin##Barry Wood 71-75##imported-end##*

December 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Please know all of the family are in our thoughts and prayers, especially Michelle, my first grade student! Marilyn was a wonderful teacher my French and Homeroom and wonderful Mom. She will be greatly missed! XO##imported-begin##Mary Benn Failes##imported-end##

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“ Marilyn was my close friend for 60 years. I will miss her greatly.##imported-begin##Gail S. Mullen##imported-end##

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“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Always a very welcomed smile when we visited Portsmouth.##imported-begin##Daniel C Thorne #307 Class of 77##imported-end##

December 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Michelle,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Know that Marilyn had a tremendous influence on all of the cadets at FMA and for me she will forever have a special place in my heart.##imported-begin##Shawn P Goggin, FMA Class of 74##imported-end##

December 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you.
She loved Frederick as much as we did
And if showed. We will miss her.
Jim Parron #107 Class of 78###imported-begin##Jim Parron
###imported-end##*

December 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Michelle,*

*Our thoughts are with you. We can never repay all that Marilyn did
for the FMA Alumni, but we will never forget how much of her heart
she put into it.###imported-begin##George Sweeney FMA #653
Class of 74###imported-end##*

December 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM