



Marla J. Stidham

July 24, 1961 - October 9, 2023

Marla J. Stidham, age 62, of Grove, Ok, passed away on Monday, October 9, 2023, at her home after a short battle with pancreatic cancer.

Marla was born on July 24, 1961, to Jerry and Carolyn (Cantrell) Buckmaster on an Army base in Germany where her dad was stationed. The family later returned to Oklahoma and Marla graduated from Colcord High School in 1979. She went on to attend Northeastern State University where she studied math, physical education and psychology, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Education.

In 1984, Marla accepted a teaching position at Miami Public School and was a beloved educator there until her passing. Her current position was teaching at the Miami Alternative School.

In 1997, Marla and her family moved to Grove, where she was active in Girl Scouts during her daughters youth. She was a member of the Oklahoma Educators Association and enjoyed many different activities such as water aerobics, softball, golf, line dancing and reading. Marla was a strong, independent, generous woman who loved to have fun and always wore a smile. She adored her two daughters and they were the joy of her life.

Marla was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Jana Bifulco.

Left to cherish her memory, daughters, Kayse Miller (Levi) and Jessi Stidham, all of Grove.

A gathering to celebrate Marla's life is planned by the family at a later date.

Donations in Marla's memory may be made to the Miami Public Schools

Enrichment Foundation – Encouraging excellence in Miami Public Schools.
(mpsef.com).

Arrangements are entrusted to Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation
Services, Grove, Ok.

Tribute Wall

PP

“ *My Condolences To All The Families!*



Paula Frazier Peters - October 21, 2023 at 05:43 PM

KK

“ *Marla and I became friends a couple of years ago from visiting regularly at lap swimming at the Grove pool. I will truly miss her upbeat presence and our chats in the summer. Next summer just won't be the same....My heart breaks for her lovely daughters for this loss of their awesome mom.*

Kathy Kramer - October 18, 2023 at 10:12 PM

CW

“ *I met Marla through the ladies golf group at Peoria Ridge and quickly saw what a fun, kind, friend she was. We had many good times playing golf and we miss her already. Our hearts go out to her daughters who she was so proud of. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you as you grieve your loss.*

Clara Wassom - October 12, 2023 at 08:51 AM

TP

“ *When I started at the academy she would go out of her way to give me the extra help I needed in math. Even spent a couple lunch periods talking to me when I really needed someone you will be dearly missed 🕊️*

Tiahna pontes - October 11, 2023 at 03:32 PM

KP

“ *Kim Boswood Pearson lit a candle in memory of Marla J. Stidham*



Kim Boswood Pearson - October 11, 2023 at 10:39 AM

PM

“ *Marla was a true friend to me when I was teaching in the middle-school. She was the only friend that “stepped up” when I needed help. I did tell her that a few years ago and happy I did. She had a heart as big as Texas (or Alaska.)*

Patty Meintel - October 11, 2023 at 12:45 AM

KD

“ *We spent many years playing ball together and all of us just became one big Rebel softball family. I will never forget all the great times we had and the friendship we shared. Love you and I’ll see you again my friend!*



Karen Davis - October 10, 2023 at 10:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marla J. Stidham.*



October 10, 2023 at 09:15 PM