



Martha Bligh

September 30, 2010

Obituary of Martha Bligh

Martha "Marti" L. Bligh, 74 of The Villages, FL died on Thursday, September 30, 2010. She was born in Pittsburgh, PA and moved to The Villages from Hubert, NC in 2002. She was a member of the New Covenant United Methodist Church, The Villages, FL; N.E.A., A.S.C.D., The Ohio State Club, and Stephen's Ministry. She enjoyed sewing, painting, travel, the arts, socializing with friends and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter, Julie Grassel, Saginaw, MI; 2 sons: Lt. Col. Edward Bligh, Middletown, RI; Col. David Bligh, Chesapeake, VA; and 9 grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, October 3, 2010 at 2:00 PM at New Covenant United Methodist Church, The Villages, FL with Pastor Bill Lee officiating. A reception will be held after the service refreshments will be served.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Villages Hospice,

601 Casa Bella, The Villages, FL 32162 or The Moffitt Center of the Villages, FL or The National Foundation for Cancer Research, 4600 East West Highway Suite 525, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Martha Bligh*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Marti was a very special friend. we will miss you greatly. She ws always so generaous and caring. It is so hard to believe she has passed.*

Al and Marty - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Kids, We are very sorry. You had a Mother to be proud of, as proud as she was of you. Remember the good days. Love, Dad*

Dad and Helga - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our sincere sympathy to Marti's family. She has always seemed close to us through our long association with the Bligh family here in Manlius. We share in your sorrow.*

Dan and Margo Lynch - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Marti was always smiling. She was a friendly, bright, cheerful person, and she enjoyed life -- especially her children and their families, all of whom she was so proud -- even when life was setting up challenges for her. She will be missed by all her neighbors.*

Doris Bryant - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JD

“*Marti, You will be missed by everyone whom you've ever met. That's the way I feel about you. You have touched my heart with your friendship over the last several years. I will deeply miss that friendship, our times together going to concerts, playing cards, and just spending time together talking. I know you're in a better place where you are comfortable now. You deserve the best for you are the best. I love you.*

Judy Dressendorfer - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DL

“*We are so sorry to hear of Marti's passing. Meeting her upon her arrival at Manlius High School doesn't seem like as long ago as it really is. She was a lovely girl and woman. Please accept our prayers and condolences. Dick and Kathy*

Dick and Kathy Lowenbeg - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“*Our prayers and thoughts are with our friend Julie and the rest of the family. We will miss her smile & visits to Julie's classroom in Saginaw, MI. God Bless You All!*

Mrs. Omie Smith (Rev. Marvin) & Family - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SH

“*Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May you feel God's presence as you gather as a family and remember your mother and all that she has done and given you in life.*

Sam and Tina Hernandez - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear Family, My sincere sympathy in the loss of your Mom. She was indeed a great lady and a wonderful friend to me. I share in your loss and know that she is in good hands. Love to you all,
Marcia Field

Marcia Field - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MZ

“ Marti was one of the first people I met when I moved to The Villages five years ago. She has been a great neighbor and a lovely person. I will miss her.

Maureen Zajac - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Kids, Your Mother had a lot to be proud of, as proud of as she was for you. She did well. Love, Dad

Dad and Helga - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ My dearest Marti, You are missed and will always be missed. Thank you for being my friend. God now has a new angel and I sure hope He's ready for this angel. There will be more parties happening in heaven than ever before with your arrival. Shine down on us and keep us safe. We love you. Carol

Carol Diamond - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SU

“ I'll miss you so, your family on earth is suffering but our family in heaven is comforting you. You were a outstanding women and I will always cherish our times and talks together.. Love you.

Susie - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Our deepest sympathy in your loss. Marti was a wonderful, kind and cheerful person. We will miss her as a neighbor.

Joe & Mary Ann Maerschalk - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Julie, Ed, David and families I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. May you find comfort in knowing that others hold you in their thought and prayers and draw strength from the Lord.

Connie Johnson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ Marti was a lovely lady , we enjoyed having her for a neighbor . We felt priveledged to have known her. Kwowing that she is now with God and that all her pain is gone will make her passing a little lighter for family and friends.

Helga and Jim Weaver - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Julie, Ed, Dave and families: I am so very sorry about your loss. Mrs. Bligh was such a wonderful lady and I have very fond memories of her. Please accept my deepest sympathy, Donna Burke Lamb

Donna Burke Lamb - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Dear Family, Marti will be greatly missed. She was a dear friend from the time she lived in Swansboro, NC and every year when I would visit my son and his family in Jacksonville,FL I would visit Marti at the Villages. I will miss our visits. Marti was such a wonderful, talented woman who loved people and doing for people. Above all she was a fighter -----she had so many health problems and she battled to the end. I will miss her greatly and I send my love and blessings to her family. She loved you all so very much Love always Linda Mack

Linda Mack - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Dear Family, I want you to know that your Mom was such a precious lady. She always seemed to have a sweet smile on her face, even though from things she said, I know she could be one tough cookie when needed! I will miss her presence here.. God bless each one of you, she loved you all so much.. Barb

Barb Hand - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ My deepest sympathy at the loss of you Mother. She was a classmate of mine at Fayetteville-Manlius and a good friend. May God bless all of you at this sorrowful time. You all will be in my prayers. Sincerely, Pat Parker

Pat Parker - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Eddie, David, Julie and Families: I cannot begin to tell you how sorry I am for your loss. Marti was such an exceptional woman. We had so much fun together...the boat, moving Julie to Lancaster, and of course my fun trip to South Carolina, where she hid a fake bug under my pillow...waiting 2 hours until I put my hand underneath and felt it...I still have the brass rubbings she gave me, and the one she taught me how to do. I am going to miss her so much. I am forever telling stories about trips and fun things we did. I miss all of you, and hope you can find comfort in these hard times. Love, Adam

Adam Pfingstl - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Ed, David and Julie, We were saddened to learn Marti had died. We always admired her, especially as a mother. I couldn't believe the way she fulfilled the role of both mother and father. We'll miss her wonderful notes at Christmas. They were always forwarded on to Jeff and Amy. Gar and "Mike" Sumner

The Sumners - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ I was friends with Marti during our years in the Pitcairn schools. I remember the times we would walk home from school and talk and laugh. Marti was a wonderful person, one I will always remember. We had fun times together. I know she will be very missed. My deepest sympathy to her family. You are in my prayers at this very special time. Fondly, Connie landimarino-Pushkar

Connie landimarino-Pushkar - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ To Her family and friends, may you know she changed the life of a child (me) 28 years ago. Mrs. Bligh mentored several of us in the way of life and she was a teacher that went above and beyond the call. May God call her "good and faithful servant". Her lessons have carried on and on in all of us.

Marla Wrisley Nowacoski - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear Julie, Eddy, & David, We were so sorry to learn of your mother's death. We offer you our sincerest condolences. Cancer is so nasty, and it makes me angry when someone dies from it. I guess when God calls us, we go. You will always miss her, but you will also have wonderful memories. She was such an intelligent and pleasant person. I often said that she was the only guidance counselor that I really liked. Most of them aren't, or at least weren't, like her when you kids were in school. She knew what she was doing, and had the best interests of the kids at heart. God bless you, Joe and Lois Blood

Joe and Lois Blood - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Dear Julie, I am so sorry to hear about your mother. There are many memories I have of her when you lived on South Main Street and I spent so much time at your house playing and swimming in your pool. Your mother was always so very caring. You could see how much she really loved you, Eddy and David. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely Yours, Ann

Ann Blood Smith - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ We are so sorry to learn of the loss of Marti, a friend for many years. Our condolences to all her family. Lisa and Ed

Lisa and Ed Wilkinson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ To the Bligh Family, I hope this email finds you all; I wanted to express my sympathy for the loss of your mother. I have fond memories of your house, your Mom and your dog Drummer from our youth. Although it looks like your families are scattered, I hope you have been and will be able to spend time together over the upcoming holidays. I have found that to be therapeutic in my own circumstances. It also looks like your families have grown so I wish you all the best of luck. Please do accept my condolences for your loss. Bill Wilt

Bill Wilt - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ We are so very sorry to hear the news about your mom. We have tried to find her several times. She was a wonderful friend, teacher and a respected woman who I will always have fond memories of. Our deepest sympathy, Norm & Sharon

Norm & Sharon Campbell - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ Eddie (as your mom always called you), David and Julie, I was soooooo lucky to re-connect with your mom in Cape Cod a few years ago. At that point, she was healthy enough(or so she told me) to start enjoying life, again, after numerous health problems. She was as vibrant and as enthusiastic as I remembered her and it was just a joy to chat with her for a few hours. I'm sure it will not surprise you that most of her chat was about the 3 of you and how overwhelmingly proud she was of each of you. I had the good fortune to chat with Julie for a bit via telephone and I could tell how pleased your mom was for me to do so after so many years. I hope all of you know how fond I was of each of you when I taught you (even though I was really demanding, at times) and I hope the many memories you have of your time with your mom help you cope with her loss. She was a terrific woman, a devoted and loving mom and a great friend to all who knew her. While the likelihood of any of you coming to Athens/the Valley is, no doubt, slim, should you ever be here, please get in touch as I would love to see you. Please know how sad I am about your mom's passing and that I will treasure the memories of her. Take care Elaine Pierson

Elaine Pierson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ To the children and grandchildren, I worked with your mother many years ago when she was a guidance counselor at Rowe Middle School in Athens. We had some very enjoyable years and some special times. My sincere sympathy to all. Diane Marvin

Diane Marvin - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *Ed, Dave, & Julie: I was so sad to see your mother's obituary in THE MORNING TIMES. It is a shock to know that she has passed. She was truly my mentor in teaching. She was a fantastic friend. I have the comfort knowing that she has joined my mother and father in Heaven. Know that I will be praying for you during your time of sorrow. Hold on to your memories. With sincere sympathy, Mrs. Margo Love*

Margo Morris Love - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM