



Marie (Brooks) LaPlante

February 11, 1958 - October 26, 2024

Marie (Brooks) LaPlante, 66, of Hatfield, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her loving family on Saturday October 26, 2024. She was born in Northampton on February 21, 1958, to the late Donald Brooks and Mathilda (Dorsch) Brooks of Hatfield.

She was a graduate of the former St. Michael's School and had worked as a Rehabilitation Tech and most recently an activities assistant for CareOne at Northampton for 40 years before retiring in June. She always had a positive and upbeat attitude, her coworkers shared how kind, and caring Marie always was and would go above and beyond for all her residents.

Marie enjoyed camping, hiking, kayaking, gardening, puzzles, playing board and card games. She took joy in baking, sewing, listening to Christian music and was an avid Elvis fan, she had an adoration for pets, but most of all she loved spending time with her family.

She was a communicant of Our Lady of Grace Parish in Hatfield where she served as Eucharistic Minister, sang in the choir, and was the CCD program director. Marie was such a devote catholic, that she became a member of the Dominican Laity #103. She was very proactive with the Lay Dominican community where she was the former president for 3 years.

She is survived by her mother, Mathilda (Dorsch) Brooks of Hatfield, her loving children, her son, Aaron Blanchette and his wife Lorelei, of Williamsburg, her daughters, Pamela Hodges and her husband Shawn, of Williamsburg, and Lisa Blanchette of Hatfield, 8 grandchildren, her brothers,

Michael Brooks of Zebylon, NC, Chris Brooks of St. Petersburg, FL, David Tatro of Sandusky, OH, her sister, Linda Lastowski of Huntington, her uncle, Fr. Henry Dorsch of Hatfield, and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Besides her father Donald Brooks, she was predeceased by her husband Gerald LaPlante, who sadly passed away in 2021, and her brother Peter Brooks.

Calling hours will be held Sunday, November 3, 2024, from 4PM to 7PM at the DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME OF NORTHAMPTON. Funeral services will begin on Monday, November 4, 2024 from the Drozdal Funeral Home at 9AM, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial to be celebrated at 10AM in Our Lady of Grace Church, Hatfield. Burial will be at a later date in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Our Lady of Grace Church, 11 School St., Hatfield, MA 01038 or to Dominican Monastery, C/O Dominican Laity #103 Mother of God Chapter, 1430 Riverdale St., W. Springfield, MA 01089.

For more information, or to leave the family a personal condolence, please visit DrozdalFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Calling Hour

NOV 3. 4:00 PM (ET)

Drozdal Funeral Home
120 Damon Rd
Northampton, MA 01060

Funeral Service

NOV 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady Of Grace Church
11 School St
Hatfield, MA 01038

Tribute Wall

SH

“ *first boyfriend*

steve hodges - May 22 at 05:33 PM

PH

“ *My Mother was the most kind and compassionate person I knew. I hope that we can carry on her legacy as she had taught us to do. Love and miss you Mom!*

Pamela Hodges - November 02, 2024 at 09:23 AM

DD

“ *Dinita, Dave, and Dad purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Marie (Brooks) LaPlante.*



Dinita, Dave, and Dad - November 01, 2024 at 11:11 AM

DH

“ *My mother was at CareOne from December of 2021 until June of 2022 when she died. Marie and Joe from activities were truly special caregivers. I will remember always how kind and caring she was to my mother and all the residents on the federal unit*

David Hoose - October 31, 2024 at 06:39 PM

LO

“ *My condolences to the family. May they find peace with their memories*
Lynn Omasta

Lynn Omasta - October 30, 2024 at 02:40 PM

FF

“ *Our condolences to Marie's family.*

Marie was more like a sister than a sister-in-law. She took exceptional care of Gerry and her family. She will surely be missed.

We enjoyed many a card game around the campfire, rustic camping in Sprakers, hikes to the river, the waterfalls, and the Fonda Fair. Wild Arces at Old Orchard Beach, ME, was another favorite family camping area. I believed her and Gerry honeymoon'd at WAC. She was always game for hikes to town for Pier fries, ice cream, shopping, and just plain family time spent together.

Mornings, you could find Marie over the camp stove cooking bacon, eggs, and pancakes where everyone was welcome.

Yes, she will certainly be missed, but the memories of her will be cherished by all of us. Rest in peace, Marie.

Sue & Francis Fontaine

Francis Fontaine - October 29, 2024 at 07:54 PM

CD

“ *I am so very sorry to hear of this..Marie was such a kind soul..I thought the world of her. Always with a big smile,just like in her pictures. Always so very kind to our elderly patients. She was a shining example to all who knew her. I will never forget her friendship,or her smile.*

Chris DeLue - October 29, 2024 at 06:35 PM

MB

“ *Marie was one of the kindest, happiest person I've known. She lived her life well and has had an effect on everyone lucky enough to know her. Her presence here will be missed.*

Michal Brown - October 29, 2024 at 05:23 PM

CF

“ *Cousin Hiedi and Steven and family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Marie (Brooks) LaPlante.*



Cousin Hiedi and Steven and family - October 29, 2024 at 03:01 PM