



Marion Green Bolks

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Marion Green Bolks, loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt and friend passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on November 9th, 2024.

Born in Paducah, Kentucky on October 16th, 1926, she was blessed with a long life and good health. She had a zest for living and cherished each day. She graduated from Tilghman High School in 1944. She received membership in the National Honor Society plus numerous sports awards. She was also active in other areas - music and theater. Marion attended Sophie Newcomb College for Women in New Orleans, Louisiana where she majored in art. She so loved her college days which also included being a Tulane cheerleader.

She married the love of her life, Richard Bolks, from Sioux City, Iowa. Her adult years were spent in many wonderful places making memories of a lifetime. She loved her church (Christ United Methodist in Memphis) and was a soprano soloist for 56 years giving many recitals. Music was a tremendous part of her life. She once had the opportunity to be in the chorus of the Opera, "La Traviata". Her other primary interest was in the sports world with tennis. She began playing tennis at the age of 7 and was fortunate to continue playing into her 70's. She particularly enjoyed tournament play and had countless trophies. Even into her late 80's she enjoyed tubing with her husband behind her son's boat! She later took up her art interests and studied under a fine teacher - Ross Myers of Tulsa. Although she was the Homecoming Queen in College, she managed to become Ms Senior Oklahoma in 2009. She was beautiful inside and out. Marion had a gift of developing lifelong friendships. She never met a stranger and connected with people in all walks of life. When someone had the privilege of meeting Marion, she left a mark on their heart and they could never forget her. She honored Jesus, her Savior, in every facet of her life.

Marion was blessed with three loving children - Sally Grace (John), Marilyn Curtis (Jack) and Garrett Bolks (Roxanne). She also was blessed with six grandchildren - Amy Jones, Jeff Tobin and Matthew Grace (Sally), Lauren Seamans (Marilyn), Ryan Bolks and Brianne Anderson (Garrett). Marion was also fortunate to have two great grandchildren - Shelby (Amy) and Caden (Lauren).



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Family was Marion's top priority and she was absolutely the best role model anyone could ever ask for. She continues to live on through her three children and their offspring. Everything Marion did was done with grace, dignity, integrity and courage. She is the essence of love and anyone who knows her will understand this. Marion enjoyed so many happy reunions with family and many trips together throughout the US and Europe. Marion and Dick celebrated over 70 years of a blissful marriage together. She will be greatly missed.

Memorial gifts may be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee




Events


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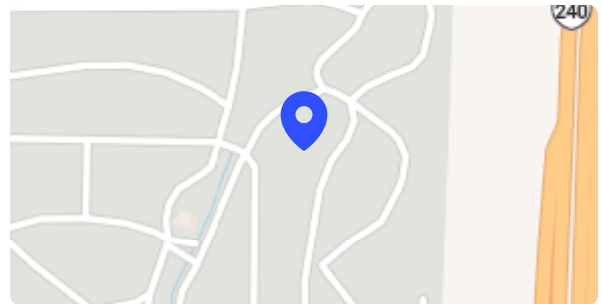
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Visitation

 **Wednesday**, November 20, 2024


 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT


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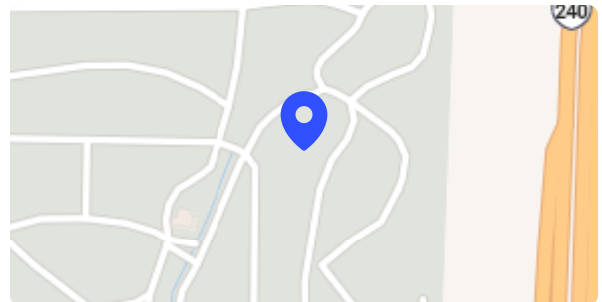


Funeral Service


 **Wednesday**, November 20, 2024

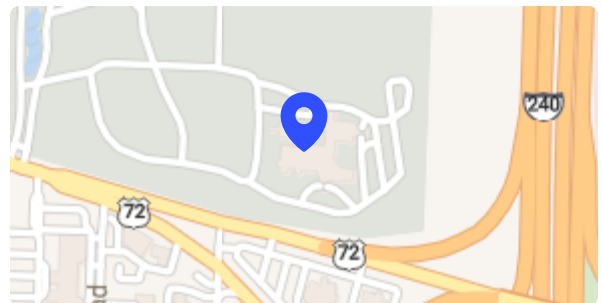
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Cemetery Details

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Debbie Wilson lit a candle in honor of Marion.

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November 25 at 3:51 AM





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Garrett Bolks posted:

I would like to thank all of those who attended Mom's beautiful service. For those who were not able to make it, I am posted the Eulogy here for you to see. What an amazing lady who is greatly missed: It is an honor and privilege to stand before you today on behalf of my Mom, Marion Green Bolks. Over the years, I often thought about how difficult this day would be. The void she leaves behind is tremendous, but I find peace knowing her own joy is far greater now. I want to share a story from the day she passed— Saturday, November 9th, at 3:21 p.m.—surrounded by her loved ones at her bedside. The day before, Mom had the chance to say her goodbyes to her closest family members. There are no words to describe how precious those 38 minutes and 55 seconds were. They were truly priceless. The next day, while there was no more verbal communication, we knew she could hear us from her facial expressions. She knew she was surrounded by love as we prayed for her to peacefully pass on to be with her Lord and Savior. A few hours before her passing, something remarkable happened. Someone had tossed a dish towel onto the kitchen counter, and it looked like nothing more than a wadded-up towel. But when I walked around the counter, I clearly saw the shape of an angel. I knew it was a message from God, a sign that He was sending His angels to bring her home. There are no odds for this kind of thing, and you can see a picture of the "angel towel" on the back table. God speaks to us in so many ways, and that towel brought me immense comfort. The author of Proverbs invites us to praise a wonderful mother, to call her happy and blessed: "Her children rise up and call her blessed" (Proverbs 31:28). This makes my task today an easy one. My mom was so easy to praise because she lived such a remarkable life. But how does one sum up such a life in a few simple moments? All people die, but not all people truly live. My mom lived her 98 years to the fullest, and her legacy continues through her three children—Sally, Marilyn, and myself—as well as our children and grandchildren. Mom was born in Paducah, Kentucky, on October 16, 1926, and married the love of her life, Richard Bolks, at the age of 21. Together, they shared more than 70 blissful years. For some reason, Dad always called Mom "Gravel." I never quite figured out why, but now I call my wife "Rox." Everyone in this room has their own special stories about Mom. For me, she was my best friend growing up and the rock of our family. She was always there for us, the ultimate optimist, and full of wisdom. Mom loved her faith, family, friends, and food. She also had a passion for music, art, and sports. She sang in the church choir for 56 years, majored in art, and created museum-quality paintings. She also excelled in tennis from age 7 into her late 70s, winning countless trophies. Everything she did, she did with grace, love, compassion, authenticity, and dignity. Her faith was unshakable—a faith that could move mountains. She was the life of any party, lighting up every room she entered. The Bible tells us to "Honor your father and mother, so that your days may be long in the land the Lord your God is giving you" (Exodus 20:12). Honoring my Mom and Dad was the easiest thing for me to do because of who they were. I celebrate today knowing that Mom and Dad are reunited once again. Mom had a special bond with her parents and her brother, Jimmy Green, in addition to Dad. Those relationships were sacred to her. There's a chorus from the beautiful song "Scars in Heaven" by Casting Crowns that deeply resonates with me and encapsulates this moment: The only scars in Heaven, they won't belong to me and you. There'll be no such thing as broken, and all the old will be made new. And the thought that makes me smile now, even as the tears fall down, is that the only scars in Heaven are on the hands that hold you now. While my heart aches at the thought of life without my Mom, I take comfort in knowing she is in the presence of her Savior, free from pain, embraced by perfect love. Her life was a shining example of faith, kindness, and



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unconditional love—qualities that will live on in all of us who were blessed to know her. As we say goodbye, I'm reminded of something she always told me: "Don't focus on the goodbye, but on the promise of 'until we meet again.'" So today, we don't just mourn her passing—we celebrate a life beautifully lived and a legacy that will continue to inspire us. Thank you, Mom, for everything. You've given us the tools to love deeply, live fully, and walk in faith. Until we meet again, I'll hold onto the joy of knowing you are at peace, reunited with Dad, and watching over us all. We love you forever. Garrett and Family

November 16 at 2:29 AM

MS

Marcia Snow posted:

A life well lived and a blessing to all. Marion and Dick and my mom and dad (Bobbie and Dick Evans) were great friends when the Bolks lived in Tulsa and were Joynors at First Methodist Church. After their husbands passed Marion and my mom remained good friends and I was so very blessed to share in their friendship. Marion and I kept in touch after mom passed and enjoyed many phone conversations which I will truly miss. Abundant prayers for Marion's family. She loved each of you so very much. John 3:16 Marcia Snow

November 17 at 6:59 PM

SP

Sally Pearsall posted:

David and I came to know and love Marion through her "little" brother, Jim Green, whom we also loved dearly, along with his wife, Iboo. We enjoyed also meeting their mother, Mitchie, a delightful lady. We have played bridge many times with Marion, who was an excellent player even when her eyesight was failing her. Iboo was our "fourth," and we laughed a lot as we sat around the bridge table. It has been a treasure to know Marion's daughters and son, along with grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The last time we talked with Marion on the phone, she was so cheerful and full of life. She never lost her beauty, inside and out. What a wonderful friend she was! We loved her so much. We give thanks for the memories of Marion. And we pray for the family in their loss.

November 16 at 8:22 AM



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Pamela Mcelhaney posted:

I knew Ms Bolks since I was a young girl. I was friends with Marilyn. She was always such a classy lady. I believe the mother is the glue that holds the family together and Ms Bolks certainly did that. She was a beautiful woman in her early years and beautiful till her last days. I am sure she will be greatly miss.

November 16 at 5:58 AM



Marilyn Curtis November 17 at 2:14 PM

Thank you so much Pam for this very meaningful and sincere post! We all had such special times together !!



Jack Curtis shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Marion started every day and every conversation with gratitude. She found something to be grateful for in every person she met. She was a Godly woman who loved life and set a great example for how to make the most of our time here.



November 16 at 2:35 AM



Sherry February 4 at 6:35 PM

Marion was such a very special person in my life and my daughter s life. I can't imagine how remembered my daughter when she was so very young sitting at the piano with Marion. I can't imagine also remember her telling me how her home would always have memories of me forever. I will ALWAYS have memories of her. She was my person and I loved her and I will ALWAYS love her!!!!!!



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Marilyn Curtis November 17 at 2:17 PM

Jack... this means so much to all of us! What a beautiful tribute to our mom!



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My favorite picture of Marion and Dick.



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Marion by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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