



Marlena Rae Barcus-Gosney

March 20, 1979 - September 13, 2022

Marlena Rae Barcus Gosney, 43, of Williamstown, KY, passed away on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at her home. She was born on March 20, 1979 in Louisville, KY to the late Thomas and Judith Witten Barcus. On June 18, 2022 she would marry her soul mate and best friend India Gosney and together they would cherish many great memories together. Marlena was an award-winning diver and swimmer at the University of Northern Michigan. She also earned her MBA degree from Midway College and worked for Great American Insurance Company in the Equine Mortality Department. She loved her work family and appreciated all the friendships she developed there. For Marlena, she lived life to the full and was an avid sports fan. She was a volunteer at Milestones Equestrian Achievement Program and enjoyed traveling the world, including trips to London, England and Beijing, China. Marlena loved animals, and none more than her cherished pets: Zenyatta Lucille (Zenny), Baloo Merle, Rudy Ray, Char Louie, Daphne Faye. She was a great friend with a beautiful soul, and she will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Along with her wife, India, Marlena is survived by her brother Christopher Hagen of Madison, WI; Father-in-law Dennis Gosney; Sisters in law: Delana (Mike) Robinson and Jana (Matt) LaFollette; and a brother-in-law Brent (Martha) Gosney, all of Falmouth, KY. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Marlena was preceded in death by her parents, as well as her mother-in-law

Carol Gosney.

Funeral Services will be held at Woodhead Funeral Home in Falmouth, KY, on Sunday September 18, 2022 at 1 PM with Kevin Barnard officiating. Visitation will take place from 11AM-1PM preceding the service. Marlana's final resting place will be at Riverside Cemetery in Falmouth.

Memorial contributions can be made to: Milestones, Inc-a non-profit therapeutic horseback riding program for individuals with disabilities and seniors: 12372 Riggs Rd., Independence, KY 41051.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

409 Ridgeway Avenue
Falmouth, KY

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 18. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Woodhead Funeral Home
310 W. Shelby Street
Falmouth, KY

Funeral Service

SEP 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

Woodhead Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



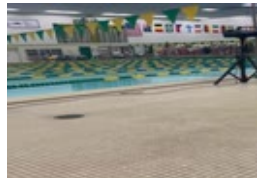
“ Woodhead Funeral Homes, Memorials, & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Marlena Rae Barcus-Gosney



Woodhead Funeral Home - September 18, 2022 at 04:49 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



India Gosney - September 25, 2022 at 07:48 PM



“ *Marlena was such a kind and genuine person. We had many great memories together in California, traveling with her half way across America to help her settle in her forever home in Kentucky. She was there when my grandfather passed and two months later, she was there when my father passed. She's always been that person to be there for someone even if it meant her own health and well being. Marley, do you remember when we couldn't eat at a diner in Tulsa, Oklahoma and we ended up at some random Oklahoma Indian Casino for lunch? You were so happy when we won that \$100. So we took that small casino winning to spend it in Chicago, IL on July 4th. I will always cherish the memories we shared especially the love we had for each other. Make sure to say hello to Derby, Boots and Fay Fay and give them many treats, hug them for me. I'll see you soon, fly high my angel. Watch over me during my surgery. I will always love you.*



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Los Angeles, CA*

T - September 18, 2022 at 05:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marlena Rae Barcus-Gosney.*



September 18, 2022 at 05:52 PM

MC

“ *Maureen Crawford lit a candle in memory of Marlena Rae Barcus-Gosney*



Maureen Crawford - September 18, 2022 at 11:00 AM

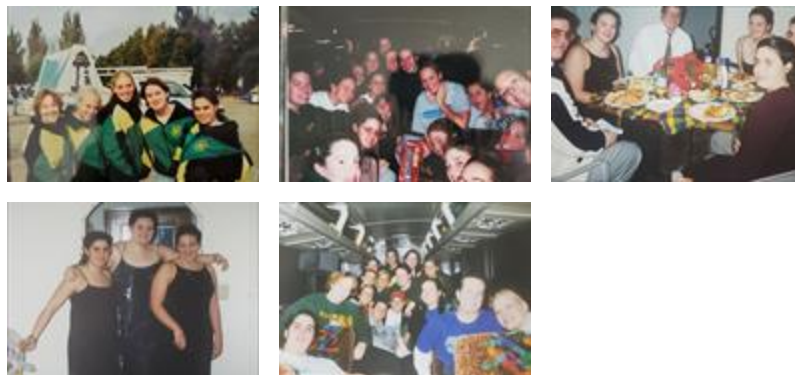
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I knew Marlena professionally and in the short time i knew her she was a very special lady. My sincere condolences go out to her, her family and friends. We have all lost a beautiful human being and kindred spirit.

Maureen Crawford - September 18, 2022 at 11:01 AM

FK

“ *14 files added to the album Marlena College*



Faye (Liming) Kaufmann - September 16, 2022 at 10:21 PM

FK

“*Marlena and I were suitemates with Laura Gibb and Cary Greigor at NMU while living in the dorms. We were all members of the Swimming and Diving Team and were together all the time as we were the same freshman recruit class. After our two mandatory years living on campus, we found it perfect to get a house together with two other teammates, Michelle Wallace and Cary, when we moved off campus. We were not too far from the pool, and despite the many feet of snow each winter, we all still made it to [most] classes and practices. Cori Graham would later join us after Michelle graduated.*

We found a home on 4th Street in Marquette. It was split into a duplex, and Marley and I were upstairs. Per our landlord, there were no pets allowed, so naturally we got a bunny (downstairs) and a cat (upstairs). We took Derby-cat on a leash (Marley's idea) around town and even to Presque Isle (as pictured in photo). One day she escaped out my bedroom window and we had to send our friend Pipp out onto the roof to retrieve her.

There was never a dull moment in that house! Marley's mom would frequently visit - she was definitely the team mom as many of us were far from our childhood homes - and we would always play The Beatles "Hey Jude" when she'd arrive and multiple times during her stay.

On weekends, we often held parties when not traveling for competition. Many times we had "Southern Accent Night" as we always wanted to try and perfect Marlena's accent. For one of these parties, she decided to make us Mint Juleps. Now, none of us had ever had one, except of course Marley, so we weren't sure what to expect. Marley was a lot of wonderful things, but back in the day, one would not label her as a master cocktail maker. The drinks were really strong and had a lot of fresh mint leaves. About 5 of us were gathered in the long bathroom off the living room (where us ladies often congregated), and we're choking back the strong, leafy beverage. We decided well, we don't want to hurt her feelings, so we'll just flush them down the toilet. This was our first (and not last) experience with the poor plumbing at 509 North 4th Street. To our horror, the mint leaves would not flush. We tried and tried. And of

course eventually Marley came to use the facilities, and the mint leaves were there, still floating. Luckily we all got a laugh, and she even admitted that the Mint Juleps weren't as good as she recalled having them for Derby Day.

*You will always be in our hearts, Marley
Much love to your wife and family,
Faye (Liming) Kaufmann*

Faye (Liming) Kaufmann - September 16, 2022 at 10:18 PM

UH

“ *Uncle Michael & cousin Clare Hagen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Marlena Rae Barcus-Gosney.*



Uncle Michael & cousin Clare Hagen - September 16, 2022 at 06:13 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marlena Rae Barcus-Gosney.*



September 16, 2022 at 01:51 PM

SC

“ *Marlena was a beautiful young child and friend to my daughter Brooke Binford. Along with her mother Judy, they were such a joyful family! Such a loss way too soon. ❤️*

Sandy Christel - September 16, 2022 at 12:25 PM

BR

“ I have enjoyed so much watching all of Marlena's adventures over the past years through social media. She looked so happy! We were baptized together as babies, her mom was like my mom and let me tag along anywhere and everywhere they were going--dance recitals, Florida, Jeff High games. Marlena was one of my first friends growing up in Jeffersonville and although I have not seen her since Judy's funeral, she always has a special place in my heart.

Brooke - September 16, 2022 at 12:20 PM

BL

“ Brooke Binford Link purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Marlena Rae Barcus-Gosney.



Brooke Binford Link - September 16, 2022 at 12:15 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Marlena Rae Barcus-Gosney.



September 16, 2022 at 12:58 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Marlena Rae Barcus-Gosney.



September 15, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marlena Rae Barcus-Gosney.*



September 15, 2022 at 06:09 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marlena Rae Barcus-Gosney.*



September 15, 2022 at 05:38 PM



“ *Marlena was one of the kindest souls I've ever had the pleasure to meet and to have worked with. This world is less bright without her. My deepest condolences to all.*

Barbara A Peters - September 15, 2022 at 04:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marlena Rae Barcus-Gosney.*



September 15, 2022 at 03:49 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Marlena Rae Barcus-Gosney.*



September 15, 2022 at 02:38 PM



“ *India, on behalf of the entire Mubea training team - our deepest sympathies on the loss of your wife. Our hearts are with you during this difficult time.*

Jonna Stallsworth - September 15, 2022 at 01:29 PM



“ *Mubea Coil Springs purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marlena Rae Barcus-Gosney.*



Mubea Coil Springs - September 15, 2022 at 01:27 PM