



Marilyn Grigas

October 5, 1951 - July 30, 2014

Myrtle Beach

Marilyn Anderson Grigas, 62, joyously, happily, joined the Lord in eternity on Wednesday, July 30, 2014.

Born on October 5, 1951, she was a daughter of Mary Ann and the late Tom Anderson.

Surviving in addition to her mother are her husband, Rick Grigas; 2 brothers, Tom Anderson (Susan) and Jim Anderson (Mary); a niece, Elizabeth and a nephew, Kirk.

A memorial service will be held 11:00 AM, Saturday at Surfside Presbyterian Church with Reverend Julian Riddle officiating. A reception will follow at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Long Bay Symphony, 950 48th Ave. N., Suite 202 Myrtle Beach, SC 29577, Surfside Presbyterian Church, PO Box 14733 or to the American Cancer Society, 950 48th Ave. N., Suite 101 Myrtle Beach, SC 29577.

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Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Marilyn Grigas



Goldfinch Funeral Home - August 01, 2014 at 10:52 AM



*thank you for posting this wonderful video. Ms. V (as all of her students knew her) was an amazing woman and I'm sure we have all thought about her on occasion. this lets us see where she moved onto after she left teaching, she will truly be missed by so many students. prayers to her family and friends. RIP
Ms. V for heaven has truly gained a wonderful angel.*

Leslie Wightman - August 01, 2014 at 02:55 PM

KJ

A beautiful pictorial tribute of my dear friend. Marilyn, you taught us to use all of our talents to the fullest, to love to the fullest and to pass rejoicing in the Lord's loving arms. Kate Jensen

kate jensen - August 01, 2014 at 04:11 PM

EL

“ *I am thinking of Larry, a most remarkable and loving partner...always putting Marilyn first. And Jeremy...someone I have known since he was 9 or 10 years old. Marilyn loved and loves you and you her. One of life's greatest gifts. I am thinking of you both and of Marilyn. My deepest condolences.*

ellen - February 21, 2017 at 08:50 PM



“ Marilyn was a wonderful friend to me and so many others! I was so sad to miss her Celebration of Life Service. I know it was exactly as she would have wanted it - ending in joyful praise to the Lord. It is still hard to imagine that we won't see that smiling face anymore in this life but I look forward to seeing her when we are joined again in Heaven. She was a joy and an encouragement to me for the six years with the Long Bay Symphony. I do and will miss you sweet friend and Sister in Christ.
Carolyn Pittman



Carolyn Pittman - August 10, 2014 at 07:34 AM

DG

“ I was very sad to hear about Marilyn. Though a great many years have passed since our days together at MSU, the bright light that was Marilyn Anderson shines forever in my mental scrapbook. Oh, the laughter and good times we shared! This beautiful and talented woman was a joy, and my heart aches for the family she leaves behind. The loving tributes from so many students do not surprise me....as we studied and planned our futures back then , it was obvious she would make an impact in her chosen passion. Rest in peace, my friend...and play beautiful music with all the other angels.

Denise Robinson Gordon - August 07, 2014 at 08:24 PM

 Bobbi Beth

“ I only had Ms. V for my senior year because of my other commitments, but I loved her class. She was a very good teacher and truly cared about everyone of her students. Very sad to hear of her passing. She will be missed.

Bobbi Beth - August 05, 2014 at 10:23 PM

DF

“ I remember her so well directing the students and sharing her enthusiasm for music with them. My students were always eager to go to her music class. She worked so hard to bring the richness of music to all the students. I remember her gentleness, kindness, and a quiet kind of contemplation. Marilyn was a wonderful person who will truly be missed.

Dolores Furesz

Dolores Furesz - August 02, 2014 at 10:10 AM



“ I hope this is the correct marilyn..Ms. Vadino..u were and still r the best teacher I've ever had..I loved how u worked with me on my singing..and my keyboarding..u always made teaching look fun..I'm also glad that I had the privilege to get u as a music teacher in elementary school..I was just thinking about u a few months ago..and going thru the old year book..u were taken from us too soon..I just wish u had taught other subjects..and then..I would have loved all my classes..u are truly loved and will be missed..R.I.P. Mrs V...

Amy White - August 02, 2014 at 08:15 AM

RK

“ Mrs V you will be greatly missed. I loved you as a teacher all 4 yrs of HS. You were always there if I needed someone, and to encourage and help me with whatever it was. You truly were the best teacher. You inspired me and many others, it's not often someone touches the hearts of so many. My heart and love goes out to your family, and know that she will always be remembered. All my love and prayers
Robin (DeLong) Klotz

Robin (DeLong) Klotz - August 02, 2014 at 07:11 AM

JS

“ My dear friend and fellow music teacher. We started teaching in 1973 together in the Utica Community Schools in Elementary Music, then we moved to Junior High, and eventually to High School with Marilyn at Ford High School and I went to Stevenson High School. We developed such a long and lasting friendship. Your emails and inspiration have been amazing. Your faith was powerful and mighty. You knew of the Love of God and his amazing Grace and you walked hand and hand with Him to Heaven's gates. Thank you for being a beacon of Light from God above. You touched so many and encouraged so many to shine their Light with courage and strength. To Rick, Marilyn's Mom, Tom, and Jim: you already know how much Marilyn loved each of you. She adored each of you with a love beyond measure. Remember to continue to be her "hugs and sunshine" for the world. Marilyn loved flowers and Rick you have been a gem to plant and water all of those flowers that surrounded her these past months. She is smiling down from Heaven for each of you.

Julie Pingel Harder Sprung - August 02, 2014 at 12:22 AM

AH

“ Mrs. V was a great teacher, we all had fun in her class. She greatly cared about every student that she had and made an impact in all our lives.



Angela H. - August 01, 2014 at 07:00 PM

KM

“ Mrs V....So many memories...best teacher ever. Yes...Heaven has gained a truly beautiful Angel! The May sister's will forever hold her in their hearts. Our sympathy goes out to her family.

Karin May - August 01, 2014 at 04:37 PM

MF

“ I was fortunate to have Mrs. V in elementary and again in high school. She helped many of us grow wings & sore.... Compassionate, kind, loving, giving in all she did... Truly sorry for the loss for she touched so many lives in her lifetime. May you rest in peace knowing you have given so many caterpillars the strength blossom into butterflies... Thank you for being a wonderful inspiration, and friend. All my love, support, sympathy and condolences.

Michelle R. Hanson Fetz - August 01, 2014 at 04:10 PM

MJ

“ Dearest Marilyn, Your footprints will always remain on the Johnson family's hearts.

Chuck & Mitzi

Mitzi Johnson - August 01, 2014 at 01:51 PM

JA

“ Mrs. V- you will always have a special place in my heart. I wouldn't have the high school memories or friends to this day if you did not welcome me into your choir class as a happenstance of me not having an elective to go to. So many memories so many good times. I still have many photos from concerts - our trip to Western Michigan - Little Mary Sunshine. Thank you for everything you did for us! My thoughts and prayers go out to family and friends.

Jeff Antlocer - August 01, 2014 at 01:44 PM

T(

“ Mrs. V (as I knew her) was the best music/choir teacher ever... many great memories in high school

Tiffany Edwards (may) - August 01, 2014 at 11:40 AM

LH

“ Ms. Vadino was one of my favorite teachers at Henry Ford II. Prayers to her family and friends. she now sings with the angels. RIP

Laura Husovsky - August 01, 2014 at 11:36 AM

MP

“ Mrs. V was an absolutely amazing teacher. Chorale and Ladies Only absolutely made my whole high school experience simply incredible. I cannot thank her enough for all she did for me....and for all of us. Much love to Mrs. V and her family.

Mary P - August 01, 2014 at 10:37 AM

MF

“ Rest in Peace fellow teacher.

Mary Freytag - August 01, 2014 at 10:34 AM

RT

“ Some teachers share information. Some teachers share their very souls. Mrs. V (as I knew her) gave her all just to see young people thrive and step into a spotlight and stand tall.

Rachel Trimble - August 01, 2014 at 09:22 AM

CW

“ Marilyn and I were tennis doubles partners at Prestwick. We made a great team. Loved her spunk, determination, kind words and beautiful smile. Heaven certainly gained a beautiful angel.

Cindy Walton

Cindy Walton - August 01, 2014 at 08:31 AM

PA

“ God bless you Marilyn , we will always have wonderful childhood memories of sharing Holidays together as family. You will be greatly missed , the sweetest girl with a wonderful smile

Paul and Sue Anderson and family

Paul Anderson - August 01, 2014 at 08:19 AM

KR

“ You will truly be missed! A great and wonderful teacher!

kimberly richter - August 01, 2014 at 05:32 AM

Ally
Lazar

“ Miss Marilyn we all miss you very much! It will be hard not seeing your smiling face at the symphony office or concerts anymore, but even though we can not see you we all know you will be there in spirit. You were one of the kindest, sweetest people I have ever met! I will always carry memories of you contributing so much love and hard work to the symphony and I know that you will never stop your love for music up above. We miss and love you Marilyn!



Ally Lazar - July 31, 2014 at 11:31 PM



“ *Mrs. Vadino was a Blessing to have for a teacher. She was truly a blessing. She inspired all of her students to always follow their dreams. She will be missed by many and remembered always*

Janice Wasey - July 31, 2014 at 11:04 PM

AH

“ *Ms. V came to junior high to audition us for choir at HFII. I was elated to make it into the Treble Choir. Right away when I got to high school, Ms. V took a chance on me and let me sing with the big kids in choir and the musicals. I will always be grateful for the chance she gave me. I hope she would be proud to know that one of her students (and hopefully many more) went on to sing one day in a choir at Carnegie Hall. Thanks, Ms. V. -Allison (Carlsen) Hooban (HFII, Class of 1994)*

allison hooban - July 31, 2014 at 10:57 PM

LM

“ *She was my choir teacher back here in Sterling Heights Michigan. She gave me a spot to sing a solo and helped me boost my self-esteem. I still sing her vocal exercises to baby. "one black beetle had only black blood the other black beetle had blue" was one of those exercises. She will be missed. She was so young I am sorry for your loss to her family and friends.*

Laura (Mancani) Mitchell - July 31, 2014 at 10:34 PM

MK

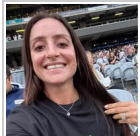
“ *She was my mentor. My teacher. She gave me opportunity beyond what I had hoped. When I am lucky enough to take the stage now, I still recall all that I learned. Smile and be great. Be humble. Lead by example. Many of the best years of my life were spent with you, and I will never forget you.*

Melissa Schroeder Kenyon - July 31, 2014 at 10:34 PM



“ Ms. V. you were one of the most influential people in my life. I think about you often and am deeply saddened by your loss. Too soon in my opinion, but heaven's gain! You will forever be in my heart. Such an amazing person!

Emily Swoveland - July 31, 2014 at 10:26 PM



“ You will be so greatly missed! You touched so many students more than you will ever know. We love you

Jennifer DiDonato - July 31, 2014 at 08:31 PM



“ Mrs. Vadino, there were days I didn't want to go to high school (HF II, Sterling Heights, MI) but I did because of your choir class. You were the only teacher I tried reconnecting with on FB when I joined but couldn't find you. May you rest in peace and be the lovely angel in heaven that you were here on earth.

Mary Dolkowski - July 31, 2014 at 08:13 PM




“ Ms. V, you were an amazing choir instructor who had a profoundly positive impact on the lives of countless students. You were a skilled accompanist and an energetic vocal coach. I'll never forget the hours we spent drilling those pesky 16-bar cuts until I felt confident and audition-ready. Thank you for helping me find my voice. Your light will never leave my memory. Thank you for everything, Ms. V.
Rest peacefully.

Alicia Infantino - July 31, 2014 at 08:11 PM

MS

“ I would not have the life I do today if it were not for Marilyn. She helped foster and develop my love for singing in high school (HFII, 88-91), and exposed me to Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo where I ended up receiving my degree in education and established my life. I still sing today the many songs she taught us. Thank you, "Ms. V", for sharing the joy of music with so many young people. You are much loved and will be sorely missed. - Maria Suszynski xo

Maria Suszynski - July 31, 2014 at 08:04 PM

 Angelique Swejkoski

“ Ms. V was the most amazing teacher I ever had the privilege to know. She taught me so many things and made me a better person. I will miss her deeply. We have lost a great person but heaven has gained an amazing angel.

Angelique Swejkoski - July 31, 2014 at 07:31 PM

CP

“ I wouldn't have wanted to spend 2nd & 3rd hour, plus the countless more hours after school, with anyone else. Her energetic spirit was full of joy and the bright smile on her face was contagious. Thank you, Ms. V, for giving me a stage, and the vocal training, to act out my rock star fantasies! I'll continue think of you every December, "Merry Christmas Darling".

Carl Pruchniak - July 31, 2014 at 07:27 PM

 Sarah Texter

Ms. V taught me so much about music. Not just how to sing, but to appreciate it. She was always taking us to see musicals. She was always making music fun. I know we all have special memories that includes her. Memories we will never forget. She was truly an amazing teacher!

Sarah Texter - July 31, 2014 at 11:56 PM

HD

“ *Mrs. V was a wonderful lady, Heaven has gained a wonderful angel.*

Heather Dorman - July 31, 2014 at 07:15 PM



“ *Mrs V was one of those teachers that went deeper.. she became a mentor, and a friend. She was a wonderful person... so sorry to hear this.*

Ed Strange - July 31, 2014 at 07:01 PM



“ *I am so sorry to learn of Ms. V's passing. I have so many fond memories of her and going to her class made me excited to be in school. I still sing songs that she taught us, and will continue to do so in her memory. Heaven's choir is going to be amazing now!*

Adrienne Rubel - July 31, 2014 at 06:55 PM

JW

“ *I was so lucky to have been a part of mrs. V's choir. She was an amazing teacher, inspiring many students. You will be missed.*

Jennifer Wilt - July 31, 2014 at 06:35 PM

AN

“ I was saddened to find out that my favorite teacher, Mrs. V passed away. She touched so many lives; and was a joy to be around. She was filled with energy and wisdom. I've thought about her many times over the past 28 years and remembered how she had faith in me and what I could accomplish. Mrs. V, you will be missed by so many people. May you rest in peace, my heartfelt condolences to your family.

Anne DeForest-Petrous

anne - July 31, 2014 at 06:28 PM

MO

“ Mrs. V., Thanks for the great memories and all that you did for us at Henry Ford II. My heart goes out to your entire family. I have a picture of us both at the opening night of "Little Mary Sunshine" when you and I were the dueling pianos in the orchestra. I see it frequently and smile at the good times and memories.
Much love to you all,
Michael Olman

michael olman - July 31, 2014 at 06:22 PM

HS

“ So many memories of Ms. V! She was an amazing teacher and I loved every minute of choir throughout high school. Heaven gained a terrific Angel.

Holly Shier - July 31, 2014 at 06:18 PM

TC

“ I just found out that Marilyn (or as I used to call her 16 yrs ago, Ms. V) passed away after her struggle with cancer. I didn't know I'd be affected so deeply, but then I thought about how much choir meant to me and how much influence she had on the adult I have become. I have too many memories of Ms. V and choir and solo and ensemble and concerts and just general good times. You will be missed, Ms. V and I hope you have found peace.

Tina C - July 31, 2014 at 04:52 PM

DA

“ Marilyn was an inspiration to me. I will miss our singles matches and fellowship on the court.

Deborah Atkins - July 31, 2014 at 04:26 PM

FW

“ What a sad day for all of us who knew Marilyn. She was a wonderful friend and tennis buddy. She loved her teaching and music along with her niece and nephew and she will be very missed. My best to her mom and Jim and Tom.
Love and memories,
Franca Weitenberner

Franca Weitenberner - July 31, 2014 at 02:32 PM

AK

“ The Symphony and our community has lost a very dear and wonderful woman. We will miss your sweet smile, everlasting optimism, and tremendous leadership, Marilyn!

Angela Kegler - July 31, 2014 at 11:50 AM

KJ

“ Marilyn, you were always spreading love and sunshine. I'll miss you dearly.



Kate Jensen - July 31, 2014 at 11:14 AM

CW

“ Marilyn, you were always our "Barbie Doll" on the tennis court, always beautiful, and always winning. There will forever be a void in "Six Pac". We love you.
Cindy



Cindy Watts - July 31, 2014 at 08:56 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marilyn Grigas.



July 31, 2014 at 08:53 AM