



Marilyn Zackowski

August 12, 1930 - January 22, 2025

Marilyn L. Zackowski passed away peacefully in Murrells Inlet, SC, on January 22, surrounded by the love of her family and friends. She was born in Reading, PA in 1930, the daughter of the late Estella Lutz Ludwig and LeRoy L. Ludwig. A graduate of Reading High School, she married Robert C. Zackowski (deceased) in 1950. They made a home in Reading for 43 years, where they raised three children: Betsy Frankin (Jim), Joleen Zackowski Pennypacker (Lee), and Robert A. (Kimberly). In 1993, Marilyn and Bob followed their love of the beach and golf and moved to Murrells Inlet, SC. They spent many happy years there, enjoying visits from their kids, grandkids (Lindsey Greenroad, Alison Bryan, Julianne Pennypacker), and eventually great grandkids (Max, CJ, Chip, Betsy, and Banks), who added endless joy to her later years.

Marilyn's family would like to thank everyone for their outpouring of love and support during this time. Her kindness, resilience, and loving spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew her and will live on in the hearts of her family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 1 PM on March 1, 2025 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Pawleys Island, SC. In lieu of flowers, donations in Marilyn's name can be made to the Salvation Army (<https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/ways-to-give/>).

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

St Peter's Lutheran Church
65 Crooked Oak Dr
Pawleys Island, SC 29585-8167
(843) 237-2795

Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marilyn Zackowski.*



February 27, 2025 at 04:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marilyn Zackowski.

February 27, 2025 at 04:18 PM



“ *Joleen - So very sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*
Nancy Barker

Nancy Barker - February 26, 2025 at 03:47 PM



Nancy, how nice to hear from you. Thank you so much for your condolences. I hope you and yours are well.

Joleen Zackowski - February 28, 2025 at 07:21 AM



“ *Joleen-*
I'm sorry to hear the passing of your Mom. Sending thoughts & prayers to you and your family.
Lisa Korecky

Lisa Korecky - February 24, 2025 at 10:05 AM

JZ

Lisa, it's so nice of you to reach out! I appreciate your thoughts and prayers. I hope you and yours are well.

Joleen Zackowski - February 24, 2025 at 02:39 PM

LM

“ *To Marilyn's children: I loved working with your mom at Boscov's North in the Fine Jeweley Dept. She had many stories to share about you. Mostly I heard about Rob(bie) & Betsy. 1 story that pops to mind is when the 2 of you had a party while your parents were out of town. Tried to cover it up, of course, but didn't do a very good job of that. You're mom was a beautiful person. My condolences to all of you.*

Linda Miller

linda miller - February 23, 2025 at 03:27 PM

BF

Thank you Linda for reading this and sharing your memories of our mother. She shared lots of stories about her times at Boscovs North with me over the years and I remember your name being mentioned. Your condolences are very much appreciated.

BetsyFranklin Franklin - February 23, 2025 at 07:48 PM

JZ

Thank you, Linda. We appreciate you reaching out to us and sharing your condolences. I know my mom enjoyed working with you, too!

Joleen Zackowski - February 24, 2025 at 09:27 AM

MP

“ *Hello Rob and family. I am sorry for the passing of your mom. I have hundreds of wonderful memories of your mom throughout the years we were growing up.*

My heart and thoughts are with you all.

Mark Pinkasavage

Mark Pinkasavage - February 23, 2025 at 11:09 AM

BF

*Thank you Mark for reading our mom's obituary and taking the time to comment. Our moms shared some very special times together in their younger years!
I appreciate your condolences*

BetsyFranklin Franklin - February 23, 2025 at 07:55 PM

JZ

Mark, thank you si much for your kind words. Our mom definitely kept many memories of you (especially those involving your escapades with Rob)!

Joleen Zackowski - February 24, 2025 at 09:29 AM

LS

“ Betsy and family, I have memories of Marilyn from when I first started as a beautician so many years ago in Reading. She was a very kind and sweet woman. May the memories of times shared offer you comfort and peace. Sending thoughts and prayers. Linda Turner Shunk

Linda Shunk - February 22, 2025 at 07:44 AM

BF

Thank you Linda for reading this and taking the time to share your condolences. Your kind words mean so much!

BetsyFranklin Franklin - February 23, 2025 at 07:42 PM

KM

“ Sending my sincere condolences to Betsy and all the members of her extended family. I met Mrs. Z along with Betsy's dad, once at WCMH at a luncheon. Very lovely people. May the happy memories of both them bring you all comfort.

Kathy McGrogan - February 01, 2025 at 11:03 AM

BF

Thank you Kathy for your kind words of comfort

Betsy Franklin - February 02, 2025 at 08:04 AM

CW

“ *While visiting my parents at ICR I would pass by her room and she would always wave me in for a visit and it was a pleasure to sit and talk with her. She was a genuine soul. Colleen*

Colleen Welch - January 31, 2025 at 09:07 PM

BF

Thank you Colleen for helping to brighten a few minutes out of my mother's days.

Betsy Franklin - February 01, 2025 at 08:31 AM

CA

“ *The staff at Inlet Coastal Resort will sincerely Miss Marilyn. You never had to be concerned about what was on her mind! Her banter and charm was infectious. She made Happy Hour and Bingo a phenomenal activity residents enjoyed going to. Marilyn absolutely loved her music. She had an extensive selection that she listened to all time. She will be incredibly missed! God Bless you Marilyn!*

Carol - January 31, 2025 at 12:05 PM

BF

Thank you Carol, and to everyone at ICR who cared for and befriended her during the final years of her life. You all were a blessing to her and our family and helped to ease some of the difficulties of growing old.

Betsy Franklin - February 01, 2025 at 08:27 AM

BE

“ *My thoughts are with the family of Mrs.Z at this time. I was a new employee at ICR and met while working in activities. It took a long time to get glass of wine just enough, or to call the right bingo numbers. It's with love I say I always knew where she stood. RIP*

Bill Eskildsen - January 30, 2025 at 08:41 AM

BF

Bill, thank you for brightening her days at ICR, she always had fun when you were around! And thank you for your condolences.

Betsy Franklin - January 30, 2025 at 09:55 AM