



Marlene Diane Washburn

December 4, 1941 - May 16, 2025

Marlene D. Washburn of Chambersburg, PA, passed on Friday, May 16, 2025, at UPMC Carlisle Hospital. Born in Wilkes Barre, PA, she was the daughter of the late James R. and Jule M. Gorman.

Her husband James C. (Jerry) Washburn preceded her in death while on active duty with the U.S. Navy Seabees. Jerry was stationed at the Navy Seabee Base in Oxnard, California, deployed to Gitmo, Sasebo, Japan, and the Naval Air Station, Adak, Alaska.

Marlene worked for the Federal Government starting her career at Point Mugu Naval Air Station in California, the Naval Civil Engineering Lab in Oxnard, California and Adak, Alaska. Marlene retired in 2006 from Letterkenny Army Depot.

Mrs. Washburn is survived by her daughter, Shauna, and two grandsons, Rahmil and Kian, cousins, nieces and nephews. Her brother, James Gorman of Chambersburg, PA, and sister, Kathleen Paradie of Connecticut preceded her in death.

Arrangements are made by Sellers Funeral Home. There will be a private viewing for the immediate family. Mass of the Christian Burial will be at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 320 Philadelphia Avenue, Chambersburg, PA 17201,

on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 12 p.m.. Burial will be at a later time in Norland Cemetery in Chambersburg.

Condolences may be expressed at www.sellersfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Mass

MAY 27. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Corpus Christi Catholic Church
320 Philadelphia Ave
Chambersburg, PA 17201

Tribute Wall

DB

“ I was shocked to hear of Marlene’s passing. We worked together at Letterkenny. I never saw her without a smile on her face, and she was quite the jokester. She was so pleasant to be around and talk to. I will miss her. My thoughts go out to her family. May she rest peacefully with the Lord. He called home a good one.

Doug Backstrom - July 19, 2025 at 02:10 PM

BF

“ I have been trying to get in touch with Marlene to let her know I will be in Penna at the end of July. My sister and I were going to visit her at that time. I have know Marlene all my life. We grew up in Inkerman. I live around the corner, on Market Street from David and Billie, her cousins, and a short jaunt from my house, thru the alley, to the home that Marlene lived in with her parents and Family. I can't believe this happened. Shauna, can you please contact me. My number is in her phone book.
Barbara Foley

Barbara Foley - June 13, 2025 at 04:32 PM

BM

“ *Sylvia and I send our deepest condolences to Shauna and the boys. Marlene and Kathleen were the best of cousins to my brother David and myself when we grew up together as next door neighbors in Inkerman. They became our older sisters, and Jimmy as our kid brother, as we shared many meals with our families. After we went our separate ways, Marlene and I always ran into each other. I remember fondly taking Mimi and Marlene to dinner and drinks in San Francisco surrealistically in the company pickup truck. Marlene was always the best host to visit whenever we traveled East. She took us to all the sites: Gettysburg, Amish quilts, etc. She was always enthusiastic and full of energy. I was looking forward to visiting her again with her new body parts. We will miss her deeply! We always had fun!*

Bill & Sylvia Marshalonis - May 26, 2025 at 11:06 PM

JT

“ *Harold & I send our deepest sympathy to Shauna & the boys. Oh, how I will miss seeing that car coming into the driveway. Marlene was a great friend & neighbor to us & I hope she felt the same way about us.*

Marlene loved those boys. We often talked about how polite & independent they were. She loved the unexpected visit from Rahmil & she called Kian the "fancy" dresser.

May your memories be a blessing. I know mine will be.
Judy Tressler

Judy Tressler - May 24, 2025 at 01:36 PM

GL

“ I got to know Marlene ,working with her at Letterkenny. We kept in touch after retirement, shared a lot of laughs and memories. I am so blessed I got to see her and share a hug at the NARFE meeting in April. I will miss her! My deepest sympathy to the family. Gordon

Gordon Locke - May 23, 2025 at 09:03 PM

DS

“ Marlene was our neighbor for 20 plus years. She truly was an amazing lady. She loved working outside and she made it look so beautiful! We had alot of laughs over the years. I always loved hearing about her wonderful trips she would take. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family ☐ 🙏

Donna & Byron Smith - May 23, 2025 at 08:50 PM

MR

“ I worked with Marlene at NCEL in CA. They sent the two of us to San Francisco for training in the 1990's. Her cousin, Bill, would pick us up after our training & take us out for dinner & drinks. We had so much fun.

Then in 2007, we went on our first big trip together to Italy. We laughed a lot and just had the best time traveling together.

So, we started planning a trip to a different place every year. We went to Ireland, Hawaii, Viking River Cruise, New Orleans & Royal Caribbean Cruise, Panama Canal Cruise, Machu Picchu & Galapagos Islands, Spain & Portugal, London & Paris, Caribbean Cruise and our last trip together was last September to Greece. I have so many great memories from all these trips together.

People would ask us if we were sisters, so we started calling each other "Sis". She was the best person to travel with.

We were supposed to be planning our next trip after she recovered from knee surgery. I can't believe she's gone. It is such a terrible loss. I will miss her so much.

Condolences to Shauna, Rahmil & Kian. I am so sorry for your loss.
Mimi Richards

Mimi Richards - May 23, 2025 at 07:48 PM

TK

“ I worked with Marlene at Letterkenny Army Depot for quite a few years. She was a good person. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family members.

Tracey Killinger - May 23, 2025 at 01:10 PM

JL

“*Sad and shocking news. I knew Marlene from the Tax-Aid program. Our deepest sympathy to the Washburn family.*”

Jim & Darlene Larimer - May 23, 2025 at 12:58 AM

JS

“*I haven't known Marlene long but in that short time, I knew she was a special person. she was a lovely person inside and out. I am truly blessed to have known her.*”

Judy Shaffer - May 22, 2025 at 11:18 AM

CV

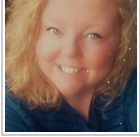
“*Marlene was a truly special lady, and I am so grateful to have known her. I first met her as a teenager through my dear friend Shauna, and from that moment on, she welcomed me into her home and always made me feel like family. Her warmth, kindness, and love for her family left an indelible mark on my heart.*”



Marlene was a woman of great strength, overflowing with love, not just for her family, but for everyone fortunate enough to cross her path. She had a unique gift for making each person feel cherished, and those memories will always hold a special place in my heart.

You will be deeply missed but your spirit will forever shine in the lives you touched. May you rest in peace, knowing how truly loved you were. Your legacy of love and kindness will live on in all of us who had the privilege to know you.

Carolina Vega - May 22, 2025 at 05:38 AM



“ *Lots of good memories as a kid....sending love, light, prayers, and all the good vibes*



Heather Boher - May 22, 2025 at 03:09 AM

DS

“ *Donna Sites lit a candle in memory of Marlene Diane Washburn*



Donna Sites - May 21, 2025 at 02:48 PM

DS

“ *May the God of Peace and Comfort surround you at this time. Marlene and I were special friends working together at Letterkenny Army Depot. Even after our retirement, we spent hours together volunteering at AARP Tax-Aide. She was my right hand lady. Marlene always had a smile on her face and could always find a way to cheer me up when I had tough days. She and I spoke often about our families and she just loved to fill me in on her daughter and grandsons. She was so proud of them and their accomplishments. Marlene was one fantastic woman, she had conquered the life of a single mother and grandmother. She taught me so much about living alone. She was one very good friend that I will miss so much. God Bless you and keep you. Hugs, Donna Sites*

Donna Sites - May 21, 2025 at 02:45 PM