



Marcia June Durbin

October 11, 1945 - January 10, 2024

Marcia June Durbin was born in the Inglewood section of Los Angeles to Rev. C. Frederick Kinell, Pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, and Jean Bachman, musician and Opera singer, and 2 older brothers on October 11, 1945. When she was 2 years old, her father accepted a pastorate in Ottumwa, Iowa, a farming community. Her mother became choir director and secretary of the church.

When Marcia was 4 years old, her mother began teaching her to play the piano and read music. She began to play the violin in the 3rd grade, which she has continued throughout her life.

When Marcia was 8 years old, her father died in a car accident. This was a traumatic experience for her family.

When Marcia was 12, her family moved to San Diego, where she and her brothers finished high school. She started college at the University of Redlands and met Harold at the FBC Long Beach her Freshman year. Harold impressed and loved her and she agreed to marry him. She transferred to Cal State Univ. Long Beach and married Harold February, 14th. 1965.

Harold moved to Rochester, New York to work for Taylor Instrument Company, and Marcia graduated with a degree in Sociology. Harold returned to Long

Beach to help Marcia move to Rochester. With Harold's guidance, Marcia became one of the first female computer programmers, and worked for the Ritter Pfaudler Company. She pointed out some health insurance discrimination against female employees and was surprised by her manager who took this to upper management and the problem was resolved. Many other fortune 500 companies followed suite shortly after removing the discriminatory policies regarding health insurance.

Marcia & Harold's first son, HE, was born in 1971. Shortly, thereafter, the Young couple returned to the Long Beach area, where they started Instrument Personnel. Marcia worked for several years as a programmer until Harry was born in 1977

In 1974, Marcia and Harold bought their home in Artesia where they have lived for almost 50 years. Hope was born in 1978, Heather in 1982, and Heath in 1985. In 2023, the Durbin(s) did Cotton candy for Halloween for the 49th year, serving between 300-800 people a year. If the tricker treater said a bible verse, they got a large cotton candy.

Through the years, Marcia has enjoyed playing her violin 🎻 in many orchestras, including Crystal Cathedral, Cypress Pops, Bellflower Symphony, La Mirada Symphony, Whittier Regional Symphony, and various churches.

She counted to work at CIT until she died. The last week of her life was spent on a Panama Cannel Cruise. She lived life up tell the end. Marcia went to be with the Lord on January 10th, 2024, and is survived by her Husband, Harold Durbin, Five kids, and seven grandchildren.

She was thankful for her churches, FBCA and NCF/FBCB and she contributed her and the Durbin Family's life successes on this earth to Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB **10**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

First Baptist Church of Artesia
18400 Grayland Ave.
Artesia, CA 90701