



Marla Eugenia Lipinski

July 21, 1958 - August 20, 2018

Marla Eugenia (Noplis) Lipinski, 60, passed away on Monday, August 20th, 2018 at her home in Magnolia, Texas.

Marla (Sissy) was born on July 21st, 1958 in Hazard, Kentucky at Mount Mary Hospital to Kelly S. Noplis and Gladys (Salyers) Noplis. She joined big brother, Russell Noplis. Marla spent the first 8 years of her life living in Hazard, surrounded by many cousins, aunts, uncles and her beloved grandparents. She had an especially close relationship with her Granny, spending every summer until she was 18 with her. When Marla was 8 years old, their family of 4 moved to Baltimore, Maryland, here she grew up in the suburb of Essex.

At the age of 19, after graduating with her nursing degree, Marla began working at a local Nursing Home. Here she met a young care aide, Jim. 3 months later they were wed in Essex. After 2 years, Jim enlisted in the US Navy and she and Marla headed off on their first of many military adventures to Camp Pendleton, California. On Jim's first day serving as a Navy Corpsman with the US Marines, Marla gave birth to her and Jim's first child, Kelly Irene. Marla embraced the duties as a young mother and military wife. She endured long deployments while maintaining their home and family in California. After California, Jim and Marla returned to Baltimore so that Jim could pursue his medical degree while Marla continued working to support their young family. 5 years after the birth of daughter, Kelly, their 2nd child, Amy Alexandra was born.

In 1988, Marla and her family moved to Wichita, Kansas. Marla always found the good in the people and places she went. Always making friends and embracing local culture. The military adventures continued in 1991 when the family was transferred to a base outside of North Pole, Alaska. From here they traveled back to the East Coast for a short stint on Cape Cod, Massachusetts. After being raised in the big city of Baltimore, Marla and Jim decided a small town with a population of less than 3,000 was just right for them! Marla and Jim found a peace in the beauty and bountifulness of Alaska and returned to settle in Seward, Alaska in 1995.

Here they embraced the Alaskan lifestyle; hunting, fishing, gardening, preserving foods, hiking and camping. Seward became an indelible part of Marla's life. Here they raised their children and saw 5 of their 7 Grandchildren born. Marla made lifelong friendships in this community. It is here the family has their happiest memories of Marla doing what she loved to do best; love and care for the ones she loved the most. Marla was always a welcoming hostess to friends and family alike. She prided herself on her cooking skills and loved entertaining.

True to her nature, Marla was also a welcoming hostess to a small zoo of animals that included chickens, ducks, dogs, cats, a guinea pig, ferrets (and a goose!). When Jim transferred from Active Duty to the Reserves, he began a career in the oil industry that required him to work 2 weeks on/2 weeks off.

While Jim was away, Marla managed their home and family. She did everything from mowing their property, caring for the animals, raising the kids and grandkids to snowplowing after those Alaskan winter storms. In between all of this, Marla worked part-time as a Nurse at the local hospital. And in the later years of Seward life, Marla welcomed her parents into her home and nursed them until their deaths in 2001 and 2003.

Marla loved to vacation and she and Jim made trips a priority in their life together. Marla took a lifetime of trips and then some in her 60 years. So many wonderful memories were made with friends and family on cruises, beach vacations, road trips and other adventures!

After sending their girls off to college, Marla and Jim decided to downsize their home and moved to Anchorage to pursue their careers and enjoy the amenities the city has to offer. Here they embraced the city's culture with shows, the symphony, museums, restaurants, etc.

In 2013, Jim's job took them yet again on a new adventure, this time to Houston, Texas! Here in Houston, Marla and Jim reconnected with old friends and made new ones, too. They took advantage of the proximity to family in Louisiana, Texas, Kentucky and Maryland and enjoyed road trips and weekend adventures. They continued these adventures until it was no longer physically possible for Marla.

Marla's greatest joys in life were her 7 grandchildren. They always remained in the forefront of her thoughts and love. Marla talked about her grandchildren to any and all that would listen. She loved being with them, talking to them on the phone and spoiling them.

Marla will be remembered for her commitment to family, her love and kindness towards all, her affection for animals and her love of God.

Marla is preceded in death by her parents, Kelly S. Noplis & Gladys S. Noplis, her father-in-law, Henry Lipinski Sr. and brother-in-law, Robert Lipinski. She is survived by her loving husband of 40 years, James E. Lipinski, daughters Kelly I. Lipinski and Amy A. Murphy and her husband Luke Murphy and her 7 beloved grandchildren (the lights of Marla's life).

Memorial contributions in Marla's name, in honor of her beloved brother-in-law, Robert Lipinski, may be made to National Down Syndrome Society at www.ndss.org or by calling 800-221-4602.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

Magnolia United Methodist Church
419 Commerce St.
Magnolia, TX 77355

Tribute Wall

KR

“ So sorry to hear this. My prayers to Jimmy and his family.

Keith Roberts - September 08, 2018 at 04:50 PM

MM

“ *Marla, Marla, Marla. How you'd laugh when I'd say that. You welcomed me into your home as a guest along with Dee and Renee. Although we were not life long friends "to know you was to love you". My visit to Alaska was wonderful because of you. Especially when you didn't like the shoes I brought and hid them for five days. Or when I asked you where the Alaskan calendar men were and you took us to the prison. Lol. lol . Oh Marla, Marla, Marla you will be missed by so many. Rest In Peace Little Angel.....Mimi*

miriam mreesen - August 25, 2018 at 01:21 PM

SA

“ She was my neighbor living at Villages at West Road. We met at the pool. She was reading a book and I was worried about the book getting wet but she couldn't care less. She was relax, enjoying her 5 grandkids. Very soon we ended up talking and having a very good and relaxing time together. She made me feel in a stress free zone. We talked about our roots, since I'm from Puerto Rico and her ancestor from Italy. Marla explained me in details the differences and similarities of each one of her grandkids with her family. I remember those 2 beautiful lamps she gave me. I was always curious of her Alaskan decorating styles and impressed by the pans hanging so organized at the kitchen. Since in PR we don't usually have a dish washer machine, she explained me how important was for her as a way to protect and take care of Jim's heart condition. That was lovely! I will always admire and remember her beautiful hair, tiny eyes, calm, spirit to connect with people and care for others. I will always be grateful for bringing Kelly to this world and the footprint left for our friendship.

Sindy Arbelo-Betancourt - August 25, 2018 at 10:51 AM

KL

“ Kelly Lipinski lit a candle in memory of Marla Eugenia Lipinski



Kelly Lipinski - August 24, 2018 at 11:23 PM

EB

Sonny, take care of Marla for me. Love her and hold her close....she is at peace. I love you my friend... Always.

Elena K Balovlenkov - August 25, 2018 at 07:16 PM

AM

“ Aunt Margaret lit a candle in memory of Marla Eugenia Lipinski



Aunt Margaret - August 24, 2018 at 04:43 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Marla Eugenia Lipinski.



August 24, 2018 at 03:13 PM

LK

“ Marla... You will be missed immensely. I will ALWAYS remember your BIG heart and caring ways. I was so blessed to call you my true friend. You were once a light in this world and now the Heavens shine brighter with the addition of your spirit. You will live on in the hearts of all who loved you forever. Rest in peace my friend until I see you on the other side.



Linda Kneeland - August 24, 2018 at 01:27 PM

DM

Rest In Peace Marla
I will rember your collection of designer purses and you fantastic IV skill
RIP my dear ❤️😭

denise maurice - August 24, 2018 at 05:01 PM

EL

Sonny, take care of my girl for me. She deserves the best. I love you my friend. Always,Elena

Elena - August 24, 2018 at 07:44 PM

JK

*Ahh, Marla. For what it's worth, thinking of you makes me smile.
Jim Krasnansky*

Jim Krasnansky - September 02, 2018 at 03:03 PM

MT

“ *Marla and Jim one of a kind. Marla welcomed me with open arms to her home in Seward and we had many good times. We were elated she was now close to have a visit. We were planning for October. You will be missed my friend. Love you and will see you when my time comes. ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️*

mary Trupiano - August 24, 2018 at 01:18 PM

FC

“ *Friend And Sister-in-law, Cindy lit a candle in memory of Marla Eugenia Lipinski*



friend and sister-in-law, Cindy - August 24, 2018 at 12:36 PM



Yellow is for friendship and friends we were Dear Marla. I will miss you immensely but carry on with many wonderful memories

Cynthia Mccaslin - August 24, 2018 at 12:39 PM

BA

Mara honey, so many memories linger with Ron and me. The most recent visit to Houston last year when we went to dine together. You were a trouper even after ankle surgery to make it to see us. Then I remember all the times we all went downtown in Alaska to meet, eat and have fun! When I lived in Austin, you and Jim took me on the train to the little town in Texas where we both bought artisan wood rolling pens. That was such a fun trip!

Oh, and working together in our nursing world as colleagues was so fun. So many more, but these shine in my memory. A big hearted soul who went straight to heaven. I love you dear Marla. Jim may God watch over you and the family. Love Ron & Beth

Beth Autrey - August 25, 2018 at 07:54 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marla Eugenia Lipinski.*



August 24, 2018 at 12:08 PM

SF

“ *We are heartbroken at the news of your passing. You loved us like your own and we loved you back. Reaching out to me when my own father passed meant more to me than you'll ever know. You will be deeply missed.*

scott family - August 24, 2018 at 10:58 AM

MB

“ *I don't really think I have many childhood memories that don't involve the Lipinski family. Birthday parties, vacations, or just daily activities.... our lives were entangled with theirs. I love you Miss Marla.*

Masha Balovlenkov - August 24, 2018 at 12:40 AM



“ *That time when you told me you couldn't sleep because you kept smelling skunk...in New York City...And then I had to explain to you that's what pot smells like*

Katrina Balovlenkov - August 23, 2018 at 03:29 PM



“ *Marla - you will be missed by so many.*



Eia and DL Dobbins - August 23, 2018 at 02:16 PM



“ *Sherri Adkins Cole lit a candle in memory of Marla Eugenia Lipinski*



Sherri Adkins Cole - August 22, 2018 at 02:41 PM



“ *Marla used to come spend summer months at her Grand Parents house in Hazard, Kentucky and we became friends. She was a beautiful person inside and out. Sending prayers for her family.*

Sherri Adkins Cole - August 22, 2018 at 02:40 PM

JF

“ It took Marla and I a lot of years to become family but when we finally did we became more...we became FRIENDS. I will always remember May 2018...Marla, Norman, Jim and I doing home projects and building Marla her screened in porch. Love and Prayers

Jackie Frazier - August 21, 2018 at 04:01 PM



“ Marla was a tour de force. She had always been straightforward and direct to the point. She was a great classmate and a better friend. She was a caring and loving woman. I cannot believe she is gone! Condolences to friends and family!

Glenn Webb - August 21, 2018 at 12:53 PM

EB

Sonny, take care of Marla for me. Love her and hold her close...I love you my friend. Be at peace.

Elena K Balovlenkov - August 25, 2018 at 06:07 AM