



## Marcia Warren

August 9, 1969 - December 2, 2018

Marcia Kay Warren, 49

Marcia Kay Warren, 49, of Bartow, FL, passed away on December 2, 2018 after a 12 month battle with pancreatic cancer. She was born in Lexington, KY to Eldon and Agnes Neihof.

Marcia graduated from Mt. Carmel High School in 1987 and recently celebrated 28 years of marriage to Brian Warren. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Southeastern University and her Master of Arts in Guidance and Counseling from the University of South Florida.

She was a school teacher and a guidance counselor with Polk County Public Schools. She elected to leave her education career for almost 13 years to follow her dream of being a mother to her children. Later she returned to work following her love of working with children in guidance and counseling. She attended Victory Church-Lakeside.

Marcia enjoyed traveling and planning trips and excursions to any place that would provide a memorable time with her family. From the top of Cadillac Mountain in Acadia National Park, to Martha's Vineyard, to El Capitan in Yosemite National Park to the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco and more. Of all the places she traveled, a trip to the beach was always her favorite with her feet in the sand and a slow walk in the lapping waves. She was a hostess that loved to entertain family and friends. She had many talents, playing piano, singing in various vocal and choir ensembles and

sewing.

She is remembered as a wonderful daughter, wife, mother, aunt and friend to all that knew her.

Marcia is survived by her husband Brian and their children Austin, Conner and Lilly Warren; her father Eldon Neihof and mother Agnes Neihof; siblings John Neihof, James Neihof and Mary Brantley; father-in-law Carl Rhodes and mother-in-law Mildred Warren-Rhodes; sister-in-laws Beth Neihof, Dorenda Neihof and brother-in-law Bryan Brantley.

Visitation will be Thursday December 6, 2018 at Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home Serenity Gardens Chapel, 3350 Mall Hill Dr. Lakeland, FL. From 5-8 pm. A Funeral Service will be held on Friday December 7, 2018 at 10:00 am at Victory Church, 1401 Griffin Rd. Lakeland, FL. 33810.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Inheritance of Hope, a charity that serves families affected by terminal illness: PO Box 90 Pisgah Forest, NC 28768; [www.inheritanceofhope.org](http://www.inheritanceofhope.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Serenity Gardens - Cemetery

3350 Mall Hill Drive  
Lakeland, FL 33810  
(863) 853-5959  
t.hall@gentry-morrison.com  
<https://serenitygardensoflakeland.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 6. 5:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Serenity Gardens Chapel  
3350 Mall Hill Drive  
Lakeland, FL 33810  
(863) 858-4474  
t.hall@gentry-morrison.com  
<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

## Funeral Service

DEC 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

Victory Church  
1401 Griffin Road  
Lakeland, FL 33810  
<http://victorylakeland.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Marcia Warren*



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**Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes** - December 04, 2018 at 11:57 AM



“ *Marcia Warren*

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November 17, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Marcia when her son Conner was in my 3rd grade class ~ She would help me with the bulletin boards in my classroom....and her son was an amazing, thoughtful, and kind young man...What a beautiful family! Sending love and prayers to her family tonight...so very sorry to lose this precious woman from the Earth, but also know that she is in the everlasting arms of Jesus...*

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**Debbie Kelly** - December 06, 2018 at 10:31 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Marcia Warren.*



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December 06, 2018 at 08:25 PM



“ *I have nothing but wonderful memories of Marcia. She opened her heart and her home to me, creating a relationship that I treasure. I loved going to Walt Disney World with her and was so honoured that she made me a cake and threw a party for my 20th birthday just because I happened to be visiting at the time. Her love and thoughtfulness followed me over the years and my children love the quilt that she and Lilly made and shipped to Canada for my son when he was born. I loved Marcia and I will miss her.*

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**Meghan Drews** - December 06, 2018 at 04:09 PM

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“ When I was in 6th grade Mrs. Warren was my geography teacher. She was the first teacher who didn't treat me different because of my background and she wasn't afraid to upset me by not accepting sloppy work from me. She treated me just like everyone else which is something I didn't even know I needed. She wasn't there my 7th grade year, but thank God she came back my 8th grade year! She saw me through loosing my step dad and a beloved teacher, Mr. Bagwell that year. She knew what I needed once again when I didn't have a clue. She always stayed in my mind as the ideal adult to be around kids. So you can imagine my surprise when I was having lunch with my daughter at BEA many years later and my daughter introduces me to Lily Warren and I knew instantly who her mom was. I became a teacher because I was able to see what a difference Mrs. Warren made for me. I am now a School Safety Guardian because of a lesson Mrs. Warren taught me. "You are not so different that you can not be held to the same expectations." It sounded harsh at the time, but again she knew what I needed when I didn't.

*Thank you Mrs. Warren*

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Kimberly Hall - December 06, 2018 at 01:55 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marcia Warren.



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December 06, 2018 at 09:20 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Marcia Warren.*



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December 05, 2018 at 09:31 PM



“ *Wonderful pictures and many memories to be cherished by all .May it bring comfort to all of us that Marcia has now been set free to live in God's kingdom. May the love of God surround our family in this time of sorrow.*

*Love and Prayers,  
Aunt Audrey and Cousin Stephanie*

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**Stephanie** - December 05, 2018 at 04:26 PM



“ *With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Marcia Warren.*



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December 05, 2018 at 01:39 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marcia Warren.*



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December 05, 2018 at 12:47 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marcia Warren.*



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December 05, 2018 at 09:32 AM



“ *Anything for You was purchased for the family of Marcia Warren.*



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December 04, 2018 at 10:58 PM



“ *You are an amazing lovely lady, Aunt Marcia aka Marnash. Life will be so different without you here. We are missing you, but are also so thankful that you celebrating with Jesus in your perfect body. I'll always love you and treasure each memory of you. Until we meet again.  
Your Niece, Katie*

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**Katie Lanigan** - December 04, 2018 at 09:30 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy and prayers. Marcia was a true warrior and inspiration as she mirrored Jesus throughout her illness. Thankful for the eternal hope we have!*

*Lane and Gretchen Loman*

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**Lane Loman** - December 04, 2018 at 06:50 PM



“ 230 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes** - December 04, 2018 at 10:08 AM

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*Thankful I knew Marcia. She was a fighter with PRAISE to God. Her testimony was clear! Can't wait to see her again in heaven. Praying for her family and friends. Martha Nalley*

**Martha Nalley** - December 05, 2018 at 07:15 AM

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*Marcia is an amazing example of faith in spite of great challenge, strength in the face of extreme hardship and a Christ-like spirit despite so much adversity. Her legacy will live on and inspire all of us to emulate her amazing courage and fortitude.*

**Paul Short** - December 05, 2018 at 01:33 PM