



# Marsha G. Van Milligan

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## **Marsha G. Van Milligan**

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**M**arsha G. Van Milligan, age 65, of Marine City, died March 18, 2013 after a courageous and valiant year long battle with pancreatic cancer.

She was born September 23, 1947 in Highland Park to the late Norman and Nola Longton. Marsha married the love of her life, Michael Van Milligan on April 22, 1967 at Selfridge Air Force Base. She was employed by The Arc of St. Clair County as a program director retiring in 2006. She was also a member of the F.O.E. in New Haven. Her children and grandchildren were the joy of her life.

She is the loving wife of Michael Van Milligan, beloved mother of Mychal (Scott) Fearncombe and Shannon (Mike) Furtah, cherished Gram to Shaylyn Van Milligan and Jenna Fearncombe, devoted Gaga to Isabelle and Chloe Furtah, sister of Kelle (Jim) Schultz, daughter in law of Ruth Van Milligan. Also survived by a niece, two nephews and many treasured friends.

Visiting hours are Thursday March 21st 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Young Funeral Home, China Twp., with a funeral service to be conducted at 6:30 p.m. that evening.

Memorials may be made to [Pancan.org](http://Pancan.org).

[www.youngcolonial.com](http://www.youngcolonial.com)




# Events

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## Visitation

 **Thursday**, March 21, 2013


 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET


 **Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home, Inc.**  
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI 48054

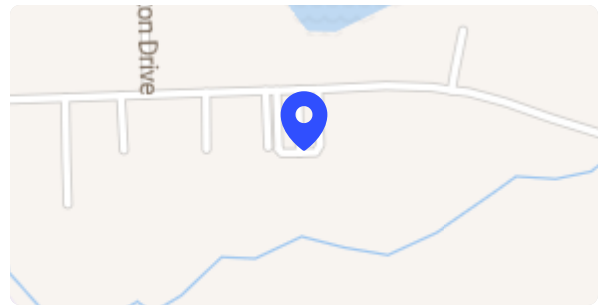


## Service

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 6:30 PM ET

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## Cemetery Details

 Cremation



## Tribute Wall

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JE

**Jenna** posted:

I didn't cry at all when she was at the hospital, I didn't cry at all when I heard she died. I finally had my moment at the very end of her funeral. Looking at her and seeing how beautiful she was, was all I needed. I didn't have the strength to go and see her in the hospital bed. I comforted my step-sister Shaylyn, my dad, my step-mom Mychal and the rest of my family. I have cried every now and then. I forget she isn't at Grandpa and Grandma's house and get excited to see her and then remember that she will be there but I won't see her. I loved my Grandma, and I always will. - Jenna

August 29 at 5:27 PM

LC

**Lisa Cathey** lit a candle in honor of Marsha.

Mychal and family..You are in my thoughts and prayers... Vi Williams

March 20 at 5:22 PM



CH

**Connie Huls** posted:

Even though I only met Marsha a few times, it was as if I had known her forever. I will always appreciate her being a mom to Scott, and a Grandma to Jenna! It will be nice to know they will have another Angel looking after them!!! Connie Huls.

March 20 at 12:51 PM

CH

**Connie Huls** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Van Milligan family.

March 20 at 12:24 PM





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JB

**Jason Boman** posted:

I would like everyone to know what Marsha ment to me. I was first introduced to her in 1993. I was 20 years old and not really sure what i wanted to do with my life. I needed a job and through my family got an opportunity working with developmentally disabled people. I met with my employer and gave it a go. after 3 days, I told my employer, i dont think i can do this kind of work. She told me to give it a chance, it takes some time to get to know these people. Before I knew it, it was a year with the ARC (at the time), and I loved it. I continued my employment for 3 more years, before moving on. Yes, the employer was Marsha, and that changed my life. But even more important than that, i was introduced to the VanMilligan family. People like Mike, Shannon, Mychael, and Marsha. I moved on in my career after the ARC, but was never more happy than I was when I was surrounded by the VanMilligan Family. I just really wanted everyone to know what Marsha and family means to me. I am blessed to have known her, and am blessed to know the family. We need a few more Marsha's in the world. God bless the VanMilligan family.

March 19 at 2:27 PM

JP

**Jennifer Pingleton** lit a candle in honor of Marsha.



March 19 at 1:58 PM

AW

**Amy Waitekus** posted:

Mike, Mychal and Shannon, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Marsha from when I was very small and though I haven't seen you all in many many years know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Amy (Smuczerowicz) Waitekus

March 19 at 8:03 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Van Milligan family.



March 19 at 7:44 AM



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**Tom Thornton** posted:

Mike and Family, We will always remember our Halloween and Easter camping trips. Marsha was always the queen of the show. We will miss her dearly. Tom, Ann and Tavis Thornton

March 19 at 7:37 AM



**Tena Kelly** sent a virtual gift in honor of Marsha.

Mike and family..you know there is no way we will ever forget Marsha,and all the memories our family's have shared over the years! Your Memorial Day picnic every yr. was a stand out in our kids memories!! It has been a gift to have your family in our lives for this many years. I'm glad Marsha is in no pain, and is with the angels in heaven, and talking with her mom that she missed so much..smiling at us all. Love you Marsha, and thanks for the wonderful friendship that I will never forget! xoxoTena Kelly



March 19 at 7:05 AM



**Chuck & Clara Cuthbertson** lit a candle in honor of Marsha.



March 19 at 5:40 AM



**Chuck & Clara Cuthbertson** March 19 at 5:43 AM

MIKE AND FAMILY,WE ARE SO SORRY TO HEAR OF MARSHA'S PASSING AND YOUR WHOLE FAMILY HAS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY.



**Lisa Langell** posted:

I am so terribly sorry for your loss. You have all been through SO much and I can't imagine how difficult Marsha's passing is for you all. Please know I am keeping you in my thoughts and heart at such a heartbreaking time. Marsha did so much good in this world...and the ripple effect of the people she helped due to her work for ARC (and so much more) will continue on infinitely.

March 19 at 5:35 AM



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KH

**Karyn Hradsky** posted:

It is sad to hear about dear Marsha's passing but we need to appreciate that she is no longer suffering. She is looking down at us with a smile when things go well in our lives. She is also with other family members that are with her so she is not alone!The VanMilligan family from Illinois

March 19 at 5:20 AM

LT

**Laurie And Thom** lit a candle in honor of Marsha.

March 19 at 3:36 AM



HC

**Heather Clore** lit a candle in honor of Marsha.

March 19 at 3:23 AM



VC

**Vicky Clore** lit a candle in honor of Marsha.

March 19 at 2:02 AM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Marsha by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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