



## Marianne Bigelow

June 24, 1947 - January 4, 2024

Marianne Royce Bigelow, 76, passed away in her home, surrounded by family, January 4, 2024.

Marianne was born in Porterville, California in a small farming community in Central California on 24 June 1947 to Roy and Marjorie Poly. She attended Springville Union School graduating in 1964. After High School she attended Hollywood Presbyterian School of Nursing, graduating in 1968. She worked for a short period of time in the Intensive Care unit at Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital until she joined the Army Nurse Corp obtaining the 2nd LT. It was her intention to go to Vietnam but plans changed when she was at Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco and SGT Donald Wiley Bigelow marched into her life.

Don and Marianne were married on September 6th, 1969 at the Presidio in San Francisco, California and began a lifetime together of love, family, church, nursing career and travel. Beginning in Germany and continuing across the United States, they traveled to many places, with a new baby born in every station, except their last.

Marianne joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in 1974 and brought her children up in the church, making sure they never missed a Sunday service or early morning bible study. She cherished her relationship with her Savior.

Marianne loved being a wife and mother first and foremost.

She also loved being a nurse. At every station you'd find her raising a family and working at the hospital. The only time she could not be a nurse was in Germany. She took that opportunity to take the children across the country attending volksmarches, temple trips to Switzerland and a memorable trip to Holland.

Marianne loved to play the piano and played for every church ward that the family attended. She also loved sewing and somehow managed to make most of the children's clothes in the early years. Gardening was another love of Marianne's. The family always had a vegetable garden and her final home was an oasis of trees and flowers. She was also passionate about family history.

In retirement Marianne loved to travel with Don to see her family all over the world. She made sure to attend every performance of her grandchildren that she could, from plays to sporting events and never missed a birthday.

Marianne loved to serve and help others whenever she could. She always put others before herself and went out of her way to ensure everyone around her felt loved. She had the most beautiful smile and she will be forever missed.

She is preceded by her parents Roy and Marjorie Poly and son Donald (Donnie) Wiley Bigelow III. She is survived by her husband, Don; daughter, Celinda and husband Damian Krings of Helena, MT; daughter, Shannon and husband Jason Pulsipher of Bolivar, MO; daughter, Marjorie and husband Shannon Rootz of Charleston, SC; son, Shawn Bigelow and wife Carrie of FT Moore, GA; daughter Heidi Newsome of Crocker, MO; son, Daniel Bigelow and wife Ramona of Paige, AZ, and son Dale Veroneau and wife Rachel of Dickinson, North Dakota. Her grandchildren, Cassandra, Cory, Evan, William, Julia, Adelaide, Darby, Anson, Samuel, Ella, Rachel, Blakely, Riley, Emiley, Harley, Mina, Ava, Eli, Xander, Keziah, Colby and Dallin. Her great

grandchildren, Cadence, Nelle, Fisher, Harvey and Rina. She is survived by one younger sister Berthile and her husband John Tabor of Turlock, CA.

Services for Marianne will be on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Bolivar, Missouri, at 10:30 am. The family requests that any memorial donations be made to The Women Like Us Foundation, The St. Labre Indian School or CMH Hospice.

# Cemetery Details

## Springfield Veteran's Cemetery

5201 S Southwood Rd  
Springfield, MO 65804

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
1575 E Mt Gilead Rd  
Bolivar, MO 65613

# Tribute Wall

BG

“ I worked with Marianne many years at Fort Leonardwood. I would purposely schedule with her as she was strong on the night shift when I was weak. She was extremely and genuinely caring towards all, soft spoken, kind, tolerant and loving. She played beautiful piano at my daughter’s funeral, appreciated the beauty of flowers and the only person I knew that could fold a magazine page into an envelope. Greatly missed. Great lady! My sympathies to Don and her family.

barbara gsell - January 12, 2024 at 12:10 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marianne Bigelow.



January 10, 2024 at 11:53 AM

PJ

“ Marianne was one of the kindest, reliable, and gentle nurses I have known. Nursing and her faith and family were so important to her. Rest in peace. Your pain and suffering are gone.



Phyllis jones - January 09, 2024 at 08:08 PM

BY

“ We wish to express our deepest sympathies to Don and the family. Marianne and Don were our neighbors for probably 30 years. We all were busy with life, careers and kids. We often only had time for a quick hello or wave as we passed on the road. Shawn and Daniel were always shooting baskets or enjoying the latest video game with our son Michael. We missed the familiarity of neighbors when Don and Marianne moved to Bolivar. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all for the hard days ahead and hope that good memories of the past help to ease your grief. Thank you Shawn for reaching out to let us know. Marianne was indeed a special lady that will be missed by many that knew her. May God bless and keep you.

“ The York’s”

Brenda, Donnie and Michael

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**Brenda York** - January 09, 2024 at 03:09 PM

DM

“ Marianne was a kind, caring woman devoted to what was her lifeline. As a nurse her professional, compassionate ways gave comfort to her many patients. She always had a smile, a great sense of humor and was up for an adventure if it didn't interfere with family plans. Dale and Kate Martin

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**Dale and Kate Martin** - January 08, 2024 at 01:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marianne Bigelow.

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January 08, 2024 at 01:27 PM

AH

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Miss Amy

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Amy Hathaway - January 06, 2024 at 03:49 PM

NW

“ Marianne was such a sweet lady and she was always so kind and humble. I consider it a true privilege to have known and worked with her! She was a wonderful nurse and the caring, compassion and love she showed for her patients and her coworkers was beautiful. She will be truly missed, but knowing that Marianne was a righteous daughter of God, we can take comfort in knowing she has been called home to her Heavenly Father and will be with her eternal family forever! Till we meet again Marianne!❤️🙏

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Neva Westhoff - January 05, 2024 at 06:36 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marianne Bigelow.



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January 05, 2024 at 06:13 PM

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“ Maureen (moe) Logan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marianne Bigelow.

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Maureen (moe) Logan - January 05, 2024 at 06:13 PM