



## Marjorie Jean Boehner

May 8, 1947 - October 23, 2024

Marjorie (Marge) Jean Boehner, 77, of Ft Collins, died on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, from Parkinson's dementia. Marge was born on May 8, 1947 to Henry Joseph (Joe) Boehner and Mary Elizabeth Boehner (née McCarthy). The second of four children, she was raised with older brother Jim and younger brothers Dick and Jack in Trenton, Missouri. The siblings were close and Marge played with, and taught her younger brothers many things, but they were not allowed to touch her treasured ceramic horse collection! Following in her father's footsteps, Marge was a varsity cheerleader and graduated from Trenton HS in 1965. Marge met Daniel Thornton Griffith at Missouri University. They married in 1968, she quit college and they moved to Korea, where Dan was stationed. Eventually moving to Colorado, they settled in Fort Collins, where she lived the rest of her years. They had two children, April (1977) and Joe (1980).

Marge had a diverse working life. She had a short stint in the entomology dept at Kansas State University. In Colorado she was a potter, before opening a small business called Mother's Market. After she and Dan divorced, she juggled life as a single parent and decided to go back to school. She earned a degree and in 1991, Marge and her children moved across the country for nine months while she completed her Masters of Social Work at Boston University. Once back in Ft Collins Marge worked as a counselor. In 1993, mutual friends introduced Marge to Richard (Dick) Osborne and they were

married shortly after. Dick brought three children to the marriage, all of whom were college-age or older. Marge took an early retirement so she could spend time and travel with Dick. She stayed involved with volunteer work, helping with the Foothills Unitarian Church rummage sale for many years, getting involved during elections and volunteering at the food bank. As Marge's Parkinson's progressed she continued to live at home with the support of Dick and her son Joe until she moved to Aspens Memory Care in 2023.

Marge always enjoyed music and singing, and was part of the Silvertones choir group for a time. She was an avid and canny garage-saler, and a thrift store connoisseur. Marge was a talented seamstress, often altering clothing she picked up second-hand and making the odd dress or costume for her children and grandchildren. An early adopter of personal computers, starting with the first Macintosh she was a fan of Apple products for the rest of her life and was often complimented on her tech skills. Marge honed her gardening skills under Dick's tutelage and the warm months were spent tending their extensive garden. In the evenings they enjoyed the fruits of their labor, sipping gin and tonic by their small pond and throwing a ball for the dog. Before Parkinson's got in the way, Marge and Dick traveled extensively, exploring Canada, Europe and Costa Rica, sometimes with bikes in tow. They also made a trip to China and multiple trips to New Zealand to visit their children's families.

Marge is survived by her brothers Jack and Dick Boehner, children April Bedford and Joe Griffith, step-children Kendra Bridges, Eric and Tim Osborne, and grandchildren Zoe, Jessica, Dyson, Oscar, Conner and Crow.

A casual celebration of life will be held at the River Rock Common House on Friday, November 1, 12:30-2:30. Light refreshments will be provided. If you would like to attend, contact April at [1aprilsb1@gmail.com](mailto:1aprilsb1@gmail.com) for information and directions.

In lieu of flowers, if you would like to honor Marge please consider donating to Parkinson's research. <https://www.parkinson.org/>

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 1. 12:30 PM - 2:30 AM.

River Rock Common House

# Tribute Wall

KH

“ Our Foothills Rummage work and “postmortem” in Marjorie’s garden with gin and tonics to celebrate. Good memories. My deep sympathy to all family. Wishing you peace.

Kay Hood - October 31, 2024 at 01:02 PM

JO

“ 1 file added to the album Pictures



Joe - October 28, 2024 at 09:44 PM

JO

“ Here is a link to a bunch of pictures of Marge throughout her life. Mostly from scanned photos.  
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-SxbyH8ATQJo33n7ZTtXz0-Med3C3pyj?usp=sharing>

Joe - October 28, 2024 at 09:39 PM

JB

Joe. What a pleasure to see your Mom in these photos. Beautiful, spirited and fun. Thanks for sharing. Judith and I recall fondly breakfasts with Marge and Dick at Vern’s and shared bike rides as the 4 of us explored nearby Poudre River trails. Thinking of you and your family and friends. Judith and Bob

judith and Bob - October 29, 2024 at 10:03 AM

ML

*Marge was a sweet, smart, thoughtful contributor and friend in our book group. We shared so much fun and reading reflections and life challenges and joys! Her family is so rich to have had her spirit guide them! Big hugs to each of you in this time of loss. love, Margarita*

**Margarita Maria Lenk** - October 29, 2024 at 11:13 AM

CJ

*Marge started out as my boss at the Health District but became a friend. It was lovely to see so many photos of her from before I met her as I don't remember her ever showing me any and I had no idea she was ever a cheerleader. I do remember how much her cousin meetups meant to her, as well as her visits to New Zealand. She will be missed.*

**CAtherine Cole Janonis** - October 29, 2024 at 02:05 PM

MM

*She was a lovely friend for 40 years. I will miss her and Dick.*

*Mary McClintock*

**Mary Elizabeth McClintock** - October 30, 2024 at 12:24 PM

MM

*Sorry to read of her passing. I didn't know her well but thought of her as an integral part of Foothills UU. I hadn't seen her in a number of years.*

*Marilyn Milhous*

**Marilyn Milhous** - October 30, 2024 at 01:59 PM

ST

*I am sorry to hear of Marge's passing. We met in a book group that I joined in 2006, where she was a valued member and friend to all. We have missed her poignant insights, delightful camaraderie, and humor. I loved seeing all of these shared photos of Marge from times before I knew her. I know she loved traveling and connecting with family and friends. I knew she was instrumental in developing the prescription assistance program at the Health District. She was a good human! Always warm and welcoming and with a social justice heart. I am so glad to have known Marge. Many warm condolences to her beloved family and friends. She will be greatly missed!*

**Sue Tungate** - October 30, 2024 at 04:55 PM

MS

*I met Marge when she owned Mothers' Market downtown, where my friend Anne Chalfant shared space with her. I would walk downtown with my babies and stop there to nurse and see other parents. It was a lovely space (where Slyce Pizza is now). She was a good woman.*

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**Mary Lib Sovick** - November 06, 2024 at 07:26 PM

YD

*Loved seeing these photos of my college roommate. Where did the time go? My condolences to you Joseph and April. Your Mom was a ray of sunshine.*

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**Yonnie Dikeou** - March 07, 2025 at 11:11 PM