



Marlene Ila Wallbom

February 24, 2025

Marlene Ila Wallbom (Schelling), 89, passed away surrounded by her daughters early Monday morning, February 24th, 2025, in Portland Oregon. Marlene is survived by her sister Patsy (Rick) Richards, daughters Rebecca (Chuck) Aldrich, Deborah (Ron) Regan, grandsons Dakota (Kaitlyn) Aldrich, Steven Regan and two great grandchildren.

Marlene was born in Mohall South Dakota moving to Washington state with her parents in the late 1930's. She graduated from Bellingham High School where she enjoyed performing in plays, dance competitions, and bowling. She later moved to Seattle to enter nursing school. Identifying as a nurse her

entire life, her career included work at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle WA and advancing her degree to become Administrator of Cascade Vista Care Facility in Redmond WA. Marlene served on the National Volunteer Ski Patrol at Snoqualmie Pass for many years. Her exceptional service led Marlene to be awarded Honorary National Ski Patrol#49. Over the years she taught skiing to the blind, was part of service organizations (Rainbow for Girls, Eastern Star) and volunteered. Later in life when Marlene didn't have her nose stuck in a good book, she enjoyed doing puzzles, knitting, and cooking the most amazing soups. She deeply loved her family and had a special place in her heart for the many cats she owned and loved over the years. She was kind, smart, and seriously funny. She will be dearly missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Marlene's name to the Multiple Sclerosis Society or the American Cancer Society for Breast Cancer.