



## Marilyn Kay Bruno

November 27, 1940 - December 30, 2023

Marilyn grew up in North Tulsa and graduated from Central High School in 1958. She attended Oklahoma State University for a year and transferred to Northeastern State University and completed her BS of Education in 1963. She continued her education and received her Masters of Education in 1970. She began her teaching career in 1967 in Dewey, OK focusing on Business classes while also teaching Lamaze classes. She then moved to College High (Bartlesville HS) teaching from 1970-71 and 1977-1984 focusing on Business Department classes including Shorthand, Typing, Book Keeping and General Business classes as well as Cheerleading sponsor before retiring from teaching in 1984. She then moved to Jenks, OK in 1984 and worked at the City of Faith and HMO of Oklahoma as an Administrative Assistant before returning to Bartlesville in 1988. She then went to work at Phillips 66 in the Lubricants Marketing Division as a Customer Service Representative before retiring in 2001.

Marilyn married Kenneth (Ken) Lee Bruno on May 30th 1964 until Ken's passing in 2017(53 years). They had 2 children, Barry Allen Bruno and Bradley Neil Bruno.

Marilyn loved to travel, attend musical plays and concerts in Bartlesville and Tulsa. She loved to read, play crossword puzzles, tennis and ice skating. She also maintained a close relationship with her 6 best friends from high school,

deemed "The Central Connection". Although they eventually continued their lives in different parts of the USA and the World abroad, they still managed to gather once every few years for a week of fun and remembrance. She also loved watching Ken coach and was always a familiar face in the stands making sure the Referees were doing their job correctly. She loved to watch her sons and grandchildren play many different sports.

Marilyn is survived by two sons, Barry Allen Bruno and his wife JoLynne Bruno of Jenks, OK and Bradley Neil Bruno of Bartlesville, three grandchildren Nathan Allen Bruno, Nicolus Ray Tessier and his wife Elizabeth, and Analeah Love Bruno and one great granddaughter Lennox Oakleigh Maye Bruno. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother David Leon Purviance.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *The Henry's purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marilyn Kay Bruno.*



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**The Henry's** - January 11, 2024 at 02:37 PM

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“ *Marilyn was a dear, sweet friend for 70 years. We were also roommates at OSU for our freshman year, which was one of the best years of my life. We went to sleep every night listening to 2 Johnny Mathis albums. We had SO much fun being on our own for the very first time.*

*Until Covid hit, our Central Connection group had been meeting every year for over 40 years. We traveled to many interesting places in the U.S. as well as in Europe, but it didn't really matter where we were, we were just glad to be together, that was the fun, those are the most precious memories we all have. Marilyn was a beautiful person on the inside as well as the outside, and a loyal friend. She left footprints on all of our hearts and will always be sweetly remembered. "Friends love at all times". Proverbs 17:17*  
*Stona Spradlin*

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**Stona Spradlin** - January 04, 2024 at 12:08 PM

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“ *Jerry Benedict planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn Kay Bruno.*

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**Jerry Benedict** - January 02, 2024 at 09:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Marilyn Kay Bruno.



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