



Marlene Joyce Fogarty

April 27, 1943 - October 12, 2025

Marlene J. Fogarty, age 82, of Rensselaer, IN, passed away on Sunday, October 12, 2025.

She was born on April 27, 1943, in Chicago, IL, the daughter of James and Della (Pallanti) Patton. Marlene graduated from cosmetology school and earned her beautician's license. On June 18, 1965, she married the love of her life, Michael F. Fogarty, who preceded her in death on September 17, 2018.

Marlene was a devoted homemaker and a longtime member of St. Augustine Catholic Church. She was also active in her community, serving with the Jasper County Historical Society, the Red Hat Club, and the Jasper County Library Book Club. A city girl at heart, Marlene embraced life in Rensselaer and truly came to love her community. She enjoyed gardening, volunteering, and giving her time generously to others. Her kind spirit and willingness to help anyone in need will be fondly remembered by all who knew her.

She is survived by her daughters, Lynette (Darrell) Osman of Rensselaer, IN, and Bernadette (Richard) Dingman of Knox, IN; seven grandchildren; and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Marlene was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Michael, and one brother.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. CT at Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer. A Funeral Mass will follow at 12:00 p.m. CT at St. Augustine Catholic Church with Father Joshua Bennett officiating. Interment will take place at Saint Mary Cemetery in Evergreen Park, IL.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **21**. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
P.O. Box 70
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5123
info@jacksonfuneral.com
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

Funeral Mass

OCT **21**. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Augustine Catholic Church
318 North McKinley Avenue
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5351
<https://stmichaelpastorate.org/>

Tribute Wall

KP

“ Kimberly P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marlene Joyce Fogarty.

Kimberly P. - October 21, 2025 at 06:32 AM

MH

“ Mar you will be greeted in heaven by so many who loved you...most especially my mother Mary Ellen. I loved having a glass of wine..or two with you! Prayers and hugs to Lynnette and Bernadette.

Mary Hassenger

Mary F Hassenger - October 16, 2025 at 10:09 AM

SM

“ I will miss seeing you in church! We had nice little chats. Rest in peace!!



Sandy Miller - October 16, 2025 at 07:30 AM

NK

“ Marlene you will be missed , you , Carolyn and I had some great laughs together . Thank you for your friendship ! RIP beautiful lady .



Noteen Kerns - October 15, 2025 at 11:44 PM

DE

“ I’m so sorry for your family’s loss. I will miss sitting next to her at church, enjoying coffee/donuts after church. May she rest in peace.



Deb Ellis - October 15, 2025 at 04:55 PM

DB

“ Deric And Mindy Beier lit a candle in memory of Marlene Joyce Fogarty



Deric and Mindy Beier - October 15, 2025 at 01:48 PM

ED

“ When I entered the family 54 years ago, Marlene was so welcoming and friendly. That hasn’t changed over the years, I love her more now than yesterday. Thank you Mar for making me feel so loved! No one in the family could dance like you except Uncle Tom Swieszcz, who was a great partner. Keep dancing kid! 💕💕

Eddie - October 15, 2025 at 01:19 PM