



Marilyn Denise Ewings

June 25, 1952 - February 8, 2002

Marilyn Denise Ewings was born on June 25, 1952 to Vera Braswell and the late John Ewings in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and educated in the public school system there. Soon after graduation, Marilyn moved to Baltimore, Maryland and married Vincent Roach. From this union came her daughter Kia, the light of her life and the center of her universe. Marilyn loved her family and friends fiercely and deeply, and was a devoted daughter to both her mother, Vera and her stepfather, James Braswell. Marilyn's thirty-year career at the Social Security Administration (SSA) in Baltimore included a variety of administration and staff positions, where she earned performance awards and citations at every level, and culminated in the "dream job" she held at her death, Audiovisual Production Specialist. In this position, Marilyn wrote and edited scripts and produced videos used for training and public relations. One of her products is used to introduce new employees to SSA. She operated every piece of studio equipment, becoming the local expert on one of the most difficult, the Teleprompter. Just before her death, she was teaching herself to use sophisticated closed-captioned equipment. Marilyn loved life and life loved Marilyn. She pursued her avocations, traveling, fishing, and listening to "her music," enthusiastically. She departed this life on Friday, February 8, 2002, leaving to cherish her memory: her loving and devoted daughter and son-in-law, Kia and Kai Jackson; her mother, Vera Braswell; four brothers, Calvin Bigelow, Johnny Allen and Mark and Darryl Ewings; three sisters, Deborah Ewings, La Vera Nelson and Maude Lanier. Among many special friends to

whom she left priceless memories are Joan Bryan, Rozena Knox and Mark Dyson. She also leaves many cousins, nieces, nephews, along with countless other friends and colleagues with whom Marilyn shared her joyful view of life. If “beauty is as beauty does,” then she was beauty’s exemplar. THIS IS OUR PRAYER AS MOTHER AND DAUGHTER These are our wishes, our dreams; That we may always be more than close, That nothing will come between the bond of love we share. That I will always be there for you, That we will listen with love, that we will share truths and tenderness That we will trust, and talk things out. That we will understand. That wherever you go, you will be in my heart, And your hand will be in my hand.

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“ *Healing happens slowly over weeks and months and years and even then, there will be days when memories call fresh tears. A song, a scent, or photograph keeps your heart in touch; with all that you so treasured in the one you miss so much.##imported-begin##The March Family and Staff##imported-end##*

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“ *Marilyn was a kind person who helped define the spirit of caring and giving. She was a friend, and I will miss this kind lady.##imported-begin##William C. Bostic##imported-end##*

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“ *To know my cousin, Marilyn was to know the essence and spirit of living. You didn't just know Marilyn, you experienced her. She embodied all the zeal and exuberance that makes life worth living. As we can no longer bask in the sunshine of her smile, we bask in the memories and warmth of her life. My roadie!##imported-begin##Valerie J. Payne##imported-end##*

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“ Although you are no longer with me in the flesh, we will always be together. I will see you in Heaven. "I am going to hang up now".
Barb###imported-begin###Barbara Carter Smith###imported-end##

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“ To "Kea" from Monique. You are always in my prayers. To the family, The Smith family have lost a beautiful and dear friend. We will always miss her.###imported-begin###The John H. Smith Family###imported-end##

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“ My beautiful cousin, you will be missed by all of us.###imported-begin###Sharon Bigelow-Churchill###imported-end##

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“ To my other MOM, you will deeply be missed. You have taught me so many valuable lessons, that I will cherish forever. I Love You.###imported-begin###Seana Coulter###imported-end##

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“ You have our deepest sympathies.###imported-begin###Jeannine Peterson###imported-end##

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“ My prayers are for your peace and comfort.##imported-begin##Jacqueline Penn##imported-end##

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“ Marilyn will be missed as she was our maid of honor on a Carribbean cruise in which we were married January 1, 2001. She enjoyed herself and was the life of the 'party'. She will always hold a special place in our hearts.##imported-begin##Joe & JoAnn Saladini##imported-end##

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“ To the family, may God Bless you and keep you. Marilyn was a Beautiful person inside and out. I was blessed to have known her.##imported-begin##Carolyn Rea##imported-end##

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“ I was sad to here of Marilyn death.Our friendship goes back over 40 years.May God Bless and keep you.##imported-begin##michael d elby##imported-end##

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“ As time passes people enter in and out of our lives, but there are those who leave a lasting impact. Marilyn certainly fits that profile. Her spirit will reign in us for eternity. We shall trust in the words of God for He states,Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.##imported-begin##Ricky Diggs##imported-end##

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“ To the family: Romans 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. I will keep you in my prayers. She was an extraordinary woman who truly has inspired me. God Bless You All.##imported-begin##Debbie Spencer##imported-end##

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“ As a friend of Marilyn's , I express my heartfelt condolences to her family. I pray your strength during this time of sorrow. We rejoice in remembering the "life" that Marilyn brought to all of us when we were with her. And we rejoice in that part of her life that she leaves with us. Yours in Prayer##imported-begin##Derra Norris Brown##imported-end##

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“ Dear Marilyn, You were one of my JOYS in life. I told you before and it will always be true. Len##imported-begin##Lenord Sandler##imported-end##

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“ To My Aunt Marilyn, she was so kind and also beautiful. My aunt and me got along very well. Aunt Marilyn you will be in my prayers FOREVER. May God Bless You.##imported-begin##sharde braswell##imported-end##

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“ To the family, you have my deepest sympathy. Peace does not dwell in outward things, but within the soul. May your soul find peace in the word of God.##imported-begin##Kim Hurst##imported-end##

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“ You were much loved and forever remembered. "The Lord giveth, he has chosen now to take away."##imported-begin##R.H.Bigelow##imported-end##

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“ To the Family of Marilyn I share your pain. I can understand what you are going through because I lost my son in November 2001. Marilyn was a dear and precious friend one I will always treasure. Keep God in your life and you will come through.##imported-begin##Alfreda Brooks##imported-end##

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“ To Marilyn's family, I am so sorry for you lost. Marilyn was a beautiful co-worker and friend. She will be truly missed by all who knew her.##imported-begin##Tammy Thompson##imported-end##

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“ To a beautiful lady that "LIVED" and Loved Life was a great mother, sister, aunt, daughter, and friend. You will be truly missed, but not forgotten.....thanks for everything.##imported-begin##Leland Nelson##imported-end##

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“ Love You Marilyn, Sure will miss your beautiful smile. Love Ms. Frances##imported-begin##Frances Lewis##imported-end##

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“ To dear cousin Marilyn, you were so beautiful and so loved. Your presence in our lives will be greatly missed. To Kia: My heart goes out to you in this time of sorrow. Just continue to believe that although your mother is not with us in the physical sense, her vibrance, vitality and spirit live on within you##imported-begin##Nicol Crosson##imported-end##

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“ Deepest Sympathy to family. It was pleasure to know Marilyn and work with her. The God of love and peace shall be with you.##imported-begin##Patricia Sykes##imported-end##

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“ I've known Vera for over 25 years; and I had the opportunity to meet Marilyn last year at the African American Chamber annual dinner in Harrisburg, PA. George Curry of BET was the keynote speaker and he was smitten with Marilyn, but she shrugged him off; she was cordial, but did not become "star struck". I will never forget that and remember saying to myself. . . this woman is a 'class act'. Precious memories . . . how they linger. The East Family Harrisburg, PA##imported-begin##Jena` East##imported-end##

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“ May God keep you all close to him. May He give you the peace that only He can give at a time like this.##imported-begin##Fred Murray##imported-end##

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“ May happy memories of Marilyn be a comfort to you at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Sheila Abrams-Jones##imported-end##

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“ I know that this is a very difficult time for you and your family. I hope you find some comfort in knowing that your Colonial Baptist Church family will be upholding you in prayer. Peace and Blessings, Debbie Martin##imported-begin##Debbie Martin##imported-end##

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“ To My Cousin Marilyn: I'll never forget your contagious smile that always lit up the room. Your spirit lives on in your beautiful daughter Kia -- and in all of us. You are greatly missed.##imported-begin##Courtney Richardson##imported-end##

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“ We only met once but I know that you come from great stock. Enjoy your rest in the lord until we are all redeemed with our new bodies that will never taste of death again, Chow for now!##imported-begin##Charles Nelson##imported-end##

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“ To the family of Marilyn; We all MUST walk The Noble Path of Cessation."God Speed." An Indian Proverb: Stand strong in today's wind, Grow tall from yesterday's rain, Become radiant from tomorrow's sun.##imported-begin##Mark Dyson##imported-end##

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“ Marilyn, I still see you in my minds eye...that playful girl that I new so very long ago when we were kids in Harrisburg. You will be sorrowfully missed...but GOD loved you best...and took you home. Until we meet again my friend, rest in peace!##imported-begin##Diana Brandon Johnson##imported-end##

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“ To my Cousin Marilyn: You will be missed. It is difficult not to get lost in sorrow as we think about our loss, but just a glance at your photo reminds us that you lived life happily-- with enthusiasm that was contagious. You definitely lived life to the fullest, and you touched the hearts of many. And to my Cousin Kia-- Your mom's view of life, that radiance that appeared whenever she smiled, lives on through you. We love you, and we're all here for you.##imported-begin##January Payne##imported-end##

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“ Deepest regrets. Billy & Ruth Nelson##imported-begin##Ozell Nelson##imported-end##

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“ Marilyn will be greatly missed not only by family, but friends as well.##imported-begin##Tony Williamson##imported-end##

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“ I did not know Marilyn, but through her loving sister Vera (who is a dearest friend) I had a chance to understand that she was a shining light in everyone's heart that she knew. Marilyn and family will be in our prayers.##imported-begin##Faye Clark##imported-end##

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“ Marilyn - A friend from the moment I met you. Rest in peace. Stuart##imported-begin##Stuart Kessler##imported-end##

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“ My prayers are with you and your family! May Marilyn rest in peace.##imported-begin##Kimberly A. Green##imported-end##

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“ Please accept my condolences in you loss ... perhaps the words below will offer a little comfort since it is a promise from God ... Isaiah 25:8 promises that "He will actually swallow up death forever, and the Lord Jehovah will certainly wipe the tears from all faces."##imported-begin##Dawn Dixon##imported-end##

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“ God Bless this family##imported-begin##carolyn hunter-alston##imported-end##

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“ Precious memories, how they linger... I was truly blessed when Vera introduced me to her sister - we just clicked! Marilyn, dear friend, you will be missed, but definitely remembered. May your soul be at rest.##imported-begin##Jennifer L. Smallwood##imported-end##

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“ Vera, I am so sorry. She seemed to be a happy person, filled with love for those around her including her co workers and the people whom she served. She was blessed to have fulfilled the dreams in her life, and she was lucky as well as blessed to love and know love of a family. I know that she is in a better place today. A place where love never ends. Lots of love, Joan & William##imported-begin##William & Joan Crutchfield##imported-end##

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“ MY HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY.MARILYN WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMEMBED BY ME AS A SWEET, WARM AND GENTLE PERSON WITH A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR.I WILL CHERISH THE MEMORIES I HAVE OF HER SINCE CHILDHOOD. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.##imported-begin##SHARON L.WATERS##imported-end##

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“ MARILYN WAS MY FRIEND AND A PERSON WHO ENJOYED LIFE. HER RADIANT SMILE AND WONDERFUL PERSONALITY WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED. HER STRENGTH AND COURAGE WAS PHENOMANAL AND ONLY SURPASSED FOR HER ZEST FOR LIFE. WE DIDN'T SEE EACH OTHER OFTEN BUT WHEN WE DID IT WAS AS IF IT WAS ONLY YESTERDAY THAT WE SAW IT OTHER! THAT IS THE ESSENCE OF MARILYN MY FRIEND A "PHENOMANAL WOMAN" KIA YOU ARE SO MUCH LIKE YOU MOTHER I SEE HER IN YOU BE STRONG HOLD ON TO YOUR MEMORIES BECAUSE THEY AND GOD WILL BE YOUR COMFORT IN THE MIDNITE HOURS.##imported-begin##VALERIE E FRALING##imported-end##

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“ Dear Ms. Tootsie, When I heard about Marilyn, my heart just broke in half. As I told LaVera, I was going to send a sympathy card but I felt that our friendship went further and deeper than a card. I wanted to express my sorrow by doing the memory picture/CD cover (I hope that you enjoy them) of Marilyn. It was my way of remembering the good ole times and saying that memories of her will be locked in my heart forever. I pray that your heartache, grief, and pain will ease with time. I speak on behave of my family and myself, that we will always have memories of Marilyn too beautiful to forget. Take Care, Love Dezi dlewis8@ford.com###imported-begin##Dezi Lewis##imported-end##

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“ My sister, my friend, my partmer til the end. That's what she was and still is to me. Words can't express my love and my lost of my sister. I'm so glad we made so many great memories. For now I find this is truly what life is all about. So if you have a friend/relative worth loving, love them. Let them know that you love them, ere life's evening tinge their brow with sunset glow. Why should good words ne'er be said of a friend/loved one---ti he/she's dead? "You have to count on living every single day in a way you feel good about your life--so that if it were over tomorrow, you'd be content with yourself". Seymour Thanks for the Memories....Vera###imported-begin##Vera Ewings Nelson##imported-end##

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“ Just wanted to share this note that Marilyn sent to me and her friends on December 13, 2001. Hi everybody: Just wanted to take the time to thank all of you for being a part of my life!! As of today, I have been blessed with six additional years of life thanks to God (and the transplant team)! I want you all to know that knowing you and spending time with you either face-to- face or via e-mail hs made my life so much richer. I know I hit you with a lot of mail off and on and I guess I just want to share those things that make me laugh or are of concern to me with you. Bear with me. As they say...a friend is a person who knows you and still loves you afterall!! Please promise me you'll stay in my life and if there is something I can do to make your path easier, don't hesistate to ask. I'll do my bestto accommodate you. Well, I don't want to get too mushy, but.....I love you man!! (teehee)Thanks for your love. ME By my calculations, Marilyn was 55 instead of 49. smile With those additional six years. I miss my girl in the physical sense but she's with me in the spirit for sure. I Love You ME! Sista V...##imported-begin##Vera Ewings Nelson##imported-end##

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