



Marlene Martens

June 12, 1938 - February 10, 2026

Marlene C. Martens SUMMERVILLE - Marlene Claire Martens, 87, of Summerville, SC, wife of George A. Martens (deceased), entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at Agape Care of SC in Summerville. Family and friends are invited to attend a funeral Mass on Friday, February 13, 2026, at 11:00am at St. Theresa of the Little Flower Catholic Church, 11001 Dorchester Road, Summerville. Rite of committal with Final Commendation will follow at Dorchester Memory Garden Mausoleum, 11000 Dorchester Road, Summerville. A visitation will be held at James A. Dyal Funeral Home, 303 S. Main Street, Summerville, SC on Thursday, February 12, 2026, from 5:00-7:00 pm.

Marlene was born June 12, 1938, in Waukegan, IL, daughter of the late James Dominic Bernardi and Florence Constance Staranowicz Bernardi. She was a graduate of Holy Child Catholic High School in Waukegan, IL. Growing up in the greater Chicagoland area, Marlene was a lifelong Chicago Cubs fan and could quote teams stats like a seasoned sports analyst. She worked as secretary at Abbott Laboratories for several years after high school before marriage. She was a loving wife to her husband, George of 50 years, before his passing and a loving mother to her five children. After her children were grown, she worked at St. Luke's Children's Center in Summerville, SC.

Marlene was devout in her faith and active in her parish and served as a

Lector and Extraordinary Minister at St. Theresa the Little Flower Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made in her name to Summerville Catholic School, 226 Black Oak Blvd., Summerville, SC 29485. Marlene was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, George, her oldest daughter, Ann Marie Norris (David), and her brother, Gerald Bernardi (Pam, deceased). She is survived by three daughters and one son; Connie Burnett of Palm Desert, CA, Paul Martens (Emily) of Nolensville, TN, Patty Swift (John) of Maiden, NC and Caroline Martens of Summerville, 8 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren; 3 nephews and 4 nieces; and a brother-in-law, John Martens (Maggie) of Lake Geneva, WS.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at www.jamesadyal.com. ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 S. MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843) 873-4040. Visit our guestbook at www.postandcourier.com/deaths

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **12**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 873-4040
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

Funeral Mass

FEB **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Theresa the Little Flower Catholic Church
11001 Dorchester Rd
Summerville, SC 29485
(843) 875-5002

Tribute Wall

CM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Caroline Martens - February 11 at 10:09 PM

LB

*Caroline, I have so many sweet memories of your Mother. She was a special lady and our times at SLCC I hold dear.
God bless.
Linda Baker*

Linda Baker - February 13 at 01:20 PM

CB

“ *Craig Bernardi purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Marlene Martens.*



Craig Bernardi - February 11 at 04:59 PM

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“ *Craig Bernardi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marlene Martens.*

Craig Bernardi - February 11 at 04:59 PM