



Marion Lloyd Talbot

May 15, 1939 - February 8, 2019

TRAVERSE CITY – Marion Lloyd Talbot, MD, MPH, age 79, of Traverse City, passed away on Friday, February 8, 2019 at the Grand Traverse Pavilions.

Marion was born on May 15, 1939 to David and Kathleen (Elliott) Lloyd in Toronto, Canada. Shortly after Marion was born, she and her family moved to New York City as her dad went to work at the Rockefeller Institute. In 1944, the family then moved to New Haven, Connecticut as her father became a Professor of Neurophysiology at Yale. Then in 1947, the family moved to Great Neck, New York where in 1956 Marion graduated from Great Neck High School.

Following Marion's graduation from high school, she went on to study biology at Tufts University Jackson College from 1956-1958. She then went on to attend Washington Square College where she earned a Bachelor of Arts. In 1972 Marion hired as Deputy Chief of Ear, Nose, and Throat for Alaska Native Medical Center, a federal hospital in Anchorage, Alaska. A couple of years after, Marion was promoted to Chief of Ear, Nose, and Throat and Head and Neck Surgery, as a consultant to all seven Alaska Native Hospitals. In 1977 Marion earned her Masters Degree of Public Health while in Anchorage. Before Marion became the ENT Chief for the Alaska Native American Clinic in Anchorage, and earning her Master of Public Health in Alaska, she followed an interesting educational path from New York to Baltimore, to Washington DC, to Iowa, to Wisconsin, and eventually to Alaska. At the age of 21, Marion is quoted as saying "I would have never have imagined living in Alaska."

Marion was often asked what motivated her to move to Alaska. As she explains it, Alaska was a new venue for a woman doctor. As a ENT doctor, Marion heard that ear disease was more prevalent in Alaska than anywhere else in the country. More than anything Marion moved to Alaska expecting to make a difference. Marion worked at the Alaska Native Medical Center for the Alaska Native Health Clinic in Anchorage. While in Alaska, Marion was a huge fan of the Iditarod Race, where she enjoyed watching the mushers and their teams of sled dogs' race between Anchorage and Nome. Marion was also a pilot, where she traveled across the Alaskan landscape to various towns where she provided care and assistance to those that did not have direct access to a medical facility. Marion was an excellent pilot, a skill she obtained while living in Iowa. She was able to

reach far parts of Alaska where she would perform surgeries for patients that couldn't come to her, she was able to go to them. Her ability to fly and her intelligence in the medical field all assisted her in making a difference for those in need.

By the end of the 1980s, Marion was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, and had accepted her MS. In 1993, Marion ended up moving to Michigan where she was still able to walk, at least with a cane or walker. Marion was an active volunteer with various organizations in the Traverse City community. She was an avid reader, which led her to volunteer at both the Norris School and Traverse City St. Francis High School in the library, assisting many kids with book reports and research papers.

While in Traverse City, Marion took some time to travel the world. By 1985, she was traveling quite a bit, including a trip to the Holy Land. Marion traveled to Rome, Jerusalem, and even Egypt. During her early years in Michigan, Marion traveled with Terry Tarnow, Jo Collins, and others on a trip to Cape Dorset for the Denno's Museum.

Marion is survived by her brothers; Owen (Lillian) Lloyd, Cadillac, Evan (Cathy) Lloyd, Maryville, TN, nieces; Ramona Marion Lloyd, Melissa Lloyd, nephews; Carlyle Lloyd, Steven Lloyd, and sister-in-law, Beverly Lloyd, Manton. Marion is also survived by 5 great-nieces and 1 great-nephew.

Marion was preceded in death by her parents, and her infant child.

A memorial service for Marion will take place at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home on Monday, February 18, 2019 at 11:00 am with a visitation one hour prior to the service. A luncheon will be held immediately following the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorial contributions in Marion's honor to be directed to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 29777 Telegraph Road, Suite 1651, Southfield, MI 48034.

Events

FEB **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

FEB **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ I’ve just learned of Marion’s passing. What an amazing woman. I was so fortunate to have her as a volunteer at Norris Elementary Library and then at Montessori at Glenn Loomis. She was loved by students, staff and most of all, by me. Her dedication to children warmed my heart. They loved her, as did I. I’m sure she is reading a great novel, telling stories or sharing her adventures in heaven. She was loved and is missed

Connie Boylan - September 26, 2019 at 11:36 PM



“ Marion was a very special person who always said "yes" to saying the Holy Rosary whenever we visited. I knew only new her for a couple of years but it was evident that her spirituality was very deep; she truly loved Our Lord and his Blessed Mother. She would often offer her Rosary intentions for her father. Her suffering in life was truly redemptive. May the Holy Angels escort her to heaven - her well-deserved everlasting place of refreshment, life and peace. I am very blessed for having known Marion. Sincere condolences to her family - Gena Culver - Legion of Mary, Holy Rosary Catholic Church - Cedar, MI

Gena Culver - February 12, 2019 at 07:08 PM



“ I have so many fond memories of Marion especially our trip to the Canadian Arctic. She was a real trooper on that trip since it was difficult for her to walk on the Arctic terrain. She loved a community dinner we went to with native foods. There was a long line to get food and an Inuit man came up to her and said elders go to the front of the line, she was delighted by the special treatment. I loved reading the book she wrote a few years ago. We are honored that she give so many of her Alaskan dolls to the Denos. She was a remarkable woman and will be missed. Terry Tarnow

Terry Tarnow - February 12, 2019 at 04:27 PM



“ Thinking of Marion’s family and friends.
She made a huge difference in the world.
I’m glad I knew her.
Peace and love,
Susan Odgers 🦋

Susan Odgers - February 12, 2019 at 04:01 PM



“ Marion was a very sharp and respectable woman. I always admired her kind nature and forward perspectives. She was very fun to sit and chat with, and always looking to uplift others. I can say that I am grateful to have known her and wish to pass along my condolences to her family and loved ones.



Emily Kuschell - February 12, 2019 at 04:01 PM