



# Amy Jean (Marinoni) Frank

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**A**my Jean (Marinoni) Frank, the youngest of the eight Marinoni children of Mary Margaret (O'Connor) and Paul Albert Marinoni, Sr., passed to her eternal reward on December 8, 2023.

Amy was born on July 6, 1957, and was raised on PAM Angus Ranch on Wedington Dr. in Fayetteville, where she developed a love for horses and spent her early years barrel racing as a hobby. She went to school at St. Joseph's Catholic School through the ninth grade. She graduated from Fayetteville High School and attended the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, where she was a member of Delta Iota Chapter of Delta Delta Delta Sorority. During those years she also traveled the country teaching cheerleading camps for Dynamic Cheerleaders Association, making many friends across the country.

Amy was vibrant, outgoing, cheerful and was a true friend to many. She was a devoted wife and mother and could be remembered doting over her children. A good motto would have been, "Anything worth doing is worth overdoing". If she was ever given a task to complete, anyone could be assured that it would far exceed expectations. She was an admired cook, to the point that at any gathering, everyone would want to know what Amy brought, because it was sure to be a treat! She even contributed to many cookbooks as fundraisers.

Amy was incredibly creative. With three darling children, she soon went past what was available in stores and started designing and making the clothes herself. When she would be out with the kids, everyone would stop and ask where she got those darling clothes. So, soon she started her own pattern company called Amy Jean Patterns. The problem with that was, that the clothes were so trendy and cute that the big pattern companies would have her patterns copied and mass produced before she could even start to make a profit. Although that project was short lived, it still far exceeded what anyone else could even imagine at the time. Probably the most



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memorable outfit that she created was a Halloween costume for a two- three-year-old, that was passed down in the family. It was a skunk costume, made of black and white faux fur. But of course, that wasn't all. The tail was stuffed and was held erect by a cord to the mid upper back, so that as the child bounced merrily down the street, the skunk tail bounced back and forth behind. All the neighbors laughed heartily as the oblivious child bounced along in pursuit of more candy.

Then there were her gardens. Jaw dropping would be a good description. Everywhere she put down roots the ground would call out to her for a total transformation. She loved flowers and she loved beauty, so together with her keen eye and creativity, she would create beautiful environments for her family and for her friends, and anyone else lucky enough to come and experience. She was never in any garden clubs and preferred to create from her own blank slate and imagination. After dating for ten years, in 2005, she married the love of her life, Richard William Frank. They enjoyed traveling to beautiful places and visiting the kids. Rich stayed by Amy's side through her final tough years as her illness progressed. The family called him an angel and heroic. His was the highest example of true love and devotion! Amy is survived by her husband Richard William Frank, her three children: Phillip Nolan Woolfolk his children Ledger Issac and Lorelei Suttin Thorn; Natalie Jenise (Woolfolk) Burgener and her husband Casey Burgener and their children, Brock Jackson; Avery Jean and Duke Wayne Burgener; and Clay Allan Woolfolk and his children, Elijah Atlee and Gia Mae Woolfolk. She is also survived by her siblings and their families: Paul A. Marinoni, Jr. (Suellen); John Patrick Marinoni (Betty); Marla Ann Blake (Steve); & Paula Marie Marinoni (Matt Lawrence) all of Fayetteville, and Mary Sue Shaw (Glenn) of Stewartstown, PA; and Rosa Linda Robinson of Grant, FL. She is preceded in death by her parents: Mary Margaret (O'Connor) and Paul Albert Marinoni, Sr. (Cattle Ranchers); her grandparents: Antonio Marinoni (founder of the Romance Languages Department at the University of Arkansas) & Rosa Zagnoni Marinoni (Writer and Poet Laureate of Arkansas) and her grandparents on her mother's side: Marie Elizabeth (Colbert) and Francis Patrick O'Connor of Tulsa, OK. She is also preceded in death by her brother, James Anthony Marinoni.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 PM on Wednesday the 13th of December at St.



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Joseph's Catholic Church, 1722 North Starr Drive in Fayetteville, with Father Manik Kotha officiating, assisted by Deacon Mike Henry. A burial service will follow at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery.



# Events


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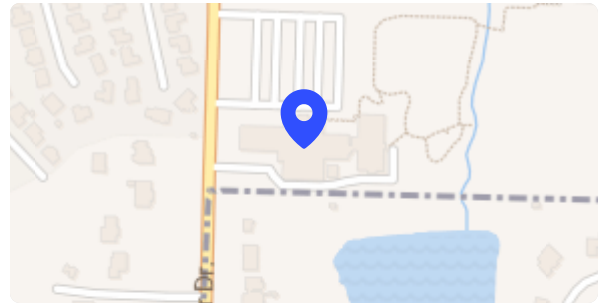
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## Funeral Service

 **Wednesday**, December 13, 2023

 1:30 PM CT

 **St. Joseph'S Catholic Church**  
1722 North Starr Drive, Fayetteville AR 72701





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SM

**Sheila Paulette Mahaffey** posted:

She was my best Friend all thru school we cheered,played basketball 🏀,rode horses together kept in touch all thru the years spent a few years when she first moved back to Arkansas going to BBQ in Fayetteville,Her husband took care of and helped her with her children and their love for each other was shown thru all the years!Miss you always ,I just heard you have passed to heaven fly high my dear!Your Friend Sheila Montgomery

November 29 at 5:14 PM

TG

**Theresa Gibbons** posted:

I remember spending 2 weeks on the farm when I was 9 or 10, so Amy would have been 8 or 9. Our birthdays are only 4 days apart. I remember playing on the swing set with her in the yard and we kept singing that song - "Don't know much about history, don't know much about geography... but I do know that I love you and what a wonderful world it could be..." She was full of life, energy, and love. Amy, you will always be in my prayers, Theresa Gibbons

December 30 at 4:13 PM



**Anonymous** planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Amy Jean.



December 13 at 9:02 AM

ST

**Stephen Triplett** posted:

My condolences to Rich and all of the family. Rich, I, greatly, admired your unselfish devotion to her loving care! You're a true gem! My prayers of peace and condolences to you and the family.

December 13 at 6:11 AM

VA

**Vanessa** posted:

Amy was absolutely the funniest, wildest, most loving, colorful, and talented person I have ever known. She was such an influence for me and impacted my life in the most positive way. I think about her often. She was amazing. I can hear her hollering and calling with that big smile from heaven.Big hugs and lots of Love to you all,Vanessa ❤️

December 12 at 5:04 PM



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**Anonymous** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Frank family.

December 12 at 7:23 AM



**Gallagher Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Amy Jean.

December 12 at 7:23 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Serene Reflections Bouquet to the Frank family.

December 12 at 4:18 AM



**Donnie & Leah Bumgarner** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Amy Jean.

December 12 at 4:18 AM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Amy Jean by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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