



Marla Jane Nalisnick Bird

December 10, 1952 - January 26, 2026

Marla Jane Nalisnick Bird, beloved daughter, sister, mother, aunt, and friend, passed away unexpectedly on January 26, 2026 at UVA Health Prince William at the age of 73.

Born in Bakerton, Pennsylvania, on December 10, 1952 to George and Coletta Nalisnick, Marla was known for being kind, generous, and fiercely loving to those she cared about. Marla had a deep love and compassion for family, friends, and neighbors, and greatly enjoyed gardening, cooking, baking, and hosting events for those she loved at her beautiful home in Nokesville. She was an avid football fan and loved cheering for her favorite teams, especially the Penn State Nittany Lions. She loved animals—dogs and cats alike. Marla's presence brought light, love, and laughter to those fortunate enough to spend time with her.

Marla was preceded in death by her loving parents George and Coletta Nalisnick, and her youngest son, Drew Brenner. Marla is survived by her adoring husband, J. David Bird, of Nokesville, VA and son, Brett Brenner (Ryanne) of Carmel, IN, and granddaughters Avery and Harper Brenner; sisters Natalie Miller (Mac) of Woodbridge, VA and Jean Price (John) of South Riding, VA and brother Robert Nalisnick (Gloria) of Hollidaysburg, PA. Also survived by her nephew and godson, Marc Miller (Adriane) and great nephews Bryce and Chase of Woodbridge, VA and niece, Catherine Del Gallo and great nieces Peyton (Jonathan), Delaney, and Keelyn, of Manassas, VA.

Marla also leaves behind a loving blended family to include a stepson, Nick Pietrandrea (Christa) of Lake Ridge, VA and step grandsons, TJ (Jenna) and children, and Josh, Luke and Kaitlyn. All will forever cherish her memory; Marla's love, spirit, and infectious smile will remain with us always.

Marla moved to Northern Virginia in 1971; she worked diligently in the Human Resources Career Field, and retired after 36 years of dedicated and loyal service initially to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in Washington, DC, with the majority of her time spent working at the Department of the Army at Fort Belvoir, VA where she retired in 2011.

Cemetery Details

Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Rd
Triangle, VA 22172

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
12805 Valleywood Drive
Woodbridge, VA 22192

The family would like to extend an invitation for friends to join them for a bereavement luncheon following the funeral Mass to be held in the church rectory.

Tribute Wall

CN

“ Cathy (Cherish Nails) purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Marla Jane Nalisnick Bird.



Cathy (Cherish Nails) - February 03 at 01:15 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marla Jane Nalisnick Bird.



February 03 at 12:31 PM

TA

“ Terance, A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marla Jane Nalisnick Bird.

Terance, A. - February 03 at 09:47 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marla Jane Nalisnick Bird.



February 02 at 07:34 PM

DP

“ Delaney, Keelyn & Peyton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marla Jane Nalisnick Bird.

Delaney, Keelyn & Peyton - February 02 at 07:34 PM

AH

“ Angela H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marla Jane Nalisnick Bird.

Angela H. - February 02 at 06:46 PM

JD

“ John and Cyndi Daigle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marla Jane Nalisnick Bird.

John and Cyndi Daigle - February 02 at 02:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marla Jane Nalisnick Bird.



February 02 at 02:22 PM

HR

“ Horace Clowdis, Johnny and Teresa Roden purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Marla Jane Nalisnick Bird.



Horace Clowdis, Johnny and Teresa Roden - February 02 at 10:28 AM

MD

“ Matt and Lisa Dowd planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marla Jane Nalisnick Bird.

Matt and Lisa Dowd - February 02 at 09:14 AM

MD

“ Matt and Lisa Dowd purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Marla Jane Nalisnick Bird.



Matt and Lisa Dowd - February 02 at 09:14 AM

MC

“ Missy Clement purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Marla Jane Nalisnick Bird.



Missy Clement - February 02 at 08:41 AM

TF

“ The Jordan Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marla Jane Nalisnick Bird.

The Jordan Family - February 01 at 09:54 PM

TF

“ The Jordan Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Marla Jane Nalisnick Bird.



The Jordan Family - February 01 at 09:54 PM

JF

“ John Torrence and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marla Jane Nalisnick Bird.



John Torrence and family - February 01 at 08:50 PM

TF

“ The Barker family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Marla Jane Nalisnick Bird.



The Barker family - February 01 at 03:54 PM

RD

“ Richard and Patsy Dunn purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marla Jane Nalisnick Bird.



Richard and Patsy Dunn - January 30 at 05:38 PM

LS

“ I would like to send my deepest condolences to the Bird family. Marla was my Supervisor for years while working at the Department of Army. She will be well missed. May she Rest in Peace.



LaClaudia Stallworth - January 30 at 05:20 PM

VJ

Rest in Peace dear Marla prayers for David and family and friends 💜



Vickie Jordan - February 05 at 04:12 AM