

## Marilyn Jean Nona



Marilyn was born October 6, 1936, in Sturgis, SD, to Edward and Anne (Charnesky) Bachand. Marilyn was a graduate of St. Martins Academy and Sacred Heart School of Nursing. After graduation, she moved to Hollywood, CA, and worked as an RN. In January of 1963, she married William Nona in West Hollywood, CA, and had two children. Marilyn returned home to Sturgis where she continued her long career in nursing and continuing education. She became Sturgis' first Physician's Assistant as well as the first woman PA in the State of South Dakota to

make ambulance runs. She enjoyed working with Dr. Massa and Dr. Berry along with the care she provided to countless residents of Sturgis.

Marilyn's community involvement ranged from being a board member of Sky Ranch for Boys, Eucharistic and Liturgy Instructor at St Francis of Assisi Church, to being crowned CYO Girl of the Year. Her hobbies included travel to over 40 countries, hiking (Machu Pichu, Matterhorn in Switzerland, Hells Pass in Thailand, and most of the Black Hills Centennial Trail), skiing, golf, rock climbing, reading, and music. Even though Marilyn traveled the world, she was always and forever loyal to her beautiful Black Hills. She had a profound love for all her dogs that were always a great source of joy and comfort to her. Whether heading off to the store or on a house call to one of her many patients, you could always see a happy pooch with its head out the back window of Marilyn's station wagon!

Marilyn Jean (Bachand) Nona, 79, died Thursday, October 15, 2015, near Snohomish, WA, where she currently resided.

Survivors include son, Michael Nona, Spearfish; daughter, Becky (Nona) Townsend, Snohomish, WA; sister, Patsy Bachand, Sturgis; brother, Bruce Bachand, currently residing in Connecticut; 4 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; 4 nieces; 1 nephew; and many grand-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Anne Bachand.

Memorials may be made to Sturgis Public Library, St. Aloysius Cemetery Board, or the Humane Society.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).

## *In Loving Memory Of*



## *Marilyn Jean Nona*

*1936 ~ 2015*



*Do not stand by my grave and weep:  
I am not there. I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow,  
I am the diamond glints on snow,  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,  
I am the gentle autumn's rain.*

*When you awaken in the morning's hush,  
I am the swift uplifting rush  
Of quiet birds in circled flight.  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry;  
I am not there. I did not die.*

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## *Marilyn Jean Nona*

***Born***

October 6, 1936  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Died***

October 15, 2015  
Snohomish, Washington

***Memorial Mass***

Wednesday, November 4, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.  
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Celebrant***

Father Timothy Castor

***Organist***

Dr. Barry Furze

***Soloist***

Myron Volk

***Musical Selections***

"Here I Am, Lord"  
"On Eagle's Wings"  
"On This Day, Oh Beautiful Mother"  
"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

***Inurnment***

Private family  
St. Aloysius Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch  
in the church hall immediately following the memorial mass.  
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*