



## Marilyn Helen McKim

May 4, 1948 - October 26, 2014

Marilyn Helen McKim, 66, of Springdale passed away Sunday, October 26, 2014 at Circle of Life Hospice in Springdale. She was born May 4, 1948 in Oakville Ontario, Canada to Howard Nelson and Helen Isabell Elrick McKim.

Marilyn began her nursing career as a R.N. in Vancouver, British Columbia in 1964. She earned her Masters in Health Science in 1993 from the University of Arkansas. She was a Nurse Instructor at the Har-ber School of Nursing 1990 - 2005.. She was a world traveler. Marilyn once said, "I've been kind to the world and I want them to be kind to each other as they have been kind to me." . Her dedication and devotion to all in the healthcare profession by teaching others was only matched by her love of the registered nurse profession. She helped to open and develop nursing schools including one in Saudi Arabia and Har-ber School of Nursing formerly Baptist School of Nursing. A true Canadian who chose to make Northwest Arkansas her home and her love for her students and peers was her focus which gave her life meaning.

She is preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Kenneth Anson McKim.

Survivors include two nephews, Benjamin Croft and Mark Anson; her friend Jan Buckles of Springdale; and her fellow instructors and students.

Graveside services will be Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 2pm at Elm Springs Cemetery.

No visitation is planned.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Road, Springdale, Arkansas 72762.

Online condolences may be left at [www.siscofuneral.com](http://www.siscofuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Elm Springs Cemetery

101 Lawnview Lane  
Springdale, AR 72762

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

OCT 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Springdale, AR 72762

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marilyn Helen McKim*

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January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *I had no idea Ms. McKim passed away. I remember the lectures she gave during Med/Surg. Even though she had a stern look, she also had a great sense of humor and had me laughing so hard. She will be missed very much.*

*Tera Reed Fendley  
Class of 2005*

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**Tera Fendley** - July 02, 2016 at 07:39 PM



“ *I had no idea Ms. McKim passed away. She was one of my Med/Surg instructors. She was one of my influences as a nurse. She will be missed.*

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**Tera Reed Fendley** - July 02, 2016 at 07:27 PM



“ *Marilyn was just around every corner when I worked house supervisor at WRMC, "herding her flock". Her dry sense of humor, twinkling eye, and calm could turn the most serious of situations into no big deal. She was a hands on nurse who left a lasting legacy. She will be sorely missed.*

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**Kristine Hall** - November 01, 2014 at 06:36 AM

SM

“ For all of us who had her as an instructor, we became some of the very best nurses due to her above average expectations. Thank you my friend and enjoy your wings!!



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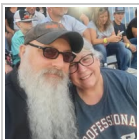
**Shawn Zimmer RN, MBA** - October 28, 2014 at 09:55 PM

AC

“ I will always remember the discipline and pride with which she held herself and her students to. She had many students who she taught who became wonderful nurses in our community. I remember her well from my days as a med surg nurse at WRMC. She didn't let her students scrape by. They Worked!

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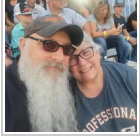
**Andrea Reeder RN, CCM** - October 28, 2014 at 06:05 PM



“ One of my favorite instructors at Baptist. In the first class that went through, I can still remember the girls crying when they found out they had her for the hand-washing practice. Such a dry air about her, but what a fabulous personality. I had to laugh to myself when they were crying, because I had already become friends with her, and knew what a heart was beneath that quiet and stern facade. Oh, the times I spent in her office, ranting and venting about how was I going to make it through school. And I remember my first day of clinical, standing outside my patient's room. "Have you met them yet?" "No, they're asleep!" She quite literally pushed me through the door! "Wake them up!" We laughed about that forever. What a woman, what a nurse, what a clinical instructor, what a smoking buddy, what a friend!

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**Jim Gabbard** - October 28, 2014 at 01:19 PM



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**Jim Gabbard** - October 28, 2014 at 01:19 PM

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“ My deepest condolences. Marilyn was one of my favorite instructors and nurses. I first had the privilege of having her as an instructor at Har-Ber and then blessed to continue to have her as a friend. I can't even put into words how much she meant to me as I am still in shock over losing her. She was a blessing. I love her.

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**Catherine Reynolds** - October 28, 2014 at 12:15 PM

MD

“ I am a better nurse for having been under your instruction, Ms. McKim. You were tough but fair, and you were always ready with a story from your many years in service of this great profession. May you rest in peace.

*Megan Harwell Daniel  
Har-Ber School of Nursing '04*

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**Megan Daniel** - October 27, 2014 at 11:59 PM

JC

“ Marilyn was a special person who touched so many lives. She was one of my mentors at Harber School of Nursing. Her legend lives on through all of the nurses that she helped develop. She touched so many people. Thank you Marilyn for being my mentor and friend. Jo Cameron

jo cameron - October 27, 2014 at 09:31 PM

AS

“ I worked with Marilyn many years ago in education at WRMC. She made my oldest daughter a beautiful knitted blanket 24 years ago, that I still have today. She was so knowledgeable about so many things and was a mentor to me as a young nurse in my first role as a nurse educator. She contributed to the profession of nursing in such a positive way. She will be missed.  
Allison Scott

Allison Scott - October 27, 2014 at 09:10 PM

ML

“ I can't believe she's truly gone. What a wonderful person and teacher Marilyn was. She once told me she didn't become a Dr. because she wouldn't have had the time to spend with patients like a nurse did. I was so lucky to be one of your students and best of all a friend after I graduated. God speed until we meet again.

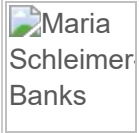
Mark Leqve - October 27, 2014 at 04:03 PM

Sherry  
Faubus

“ Oh my. She will be missed. She was responsible for making many of us the nurses we are today. May your candle forever burn bright in the careers and lives of those of us you touched.



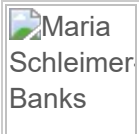
Sherry Faubus - October 27, 2014 at 03:45 PM



“ *Maria Schleimer-Banks lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Helen McKim*



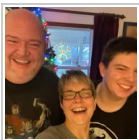
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**Maria Schleimer-Banks** - October 27, 2014 at 10:21 AM



“ *RIP Ms. McKim! Best teacher at Har-Ber by far. I also want to let all know how helpful she was in taking my mother-in-law under her wing at Culpepper. I was fortunate to see her several times since Har-Ber and she was a "light" to all nursing students. So glad you are free from our flesh body now!*

*Maria C Banks*

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**Maria Schleimer-Banks** - October 27, 2014 at 10:20 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Marilyn....She was one of the absolute best instructors at Har-Ber School of Nursing. She was tough, but nurturing. She made the information stick!! When I graduated in 1999, she was so excited for all of us to start our nursing career. Our class went on to have a 100% pass rate for the NCLEX, and she was so proud. What a great person, she will be missed. Karen Chrisman McCratic*

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**Karen McCratic** - October 27, 2014 at 08:14 AM