



Marvia S. Perreault

March 25, 1941 - May 19, 2026

Marvia Slade Perreault was born March 25, 1941 and died May 19, 2026, surrounded by loved ones. Unfortunately, that meant she was given an off-key Neil Diamond serenade from her four children: Bill (Michelle), Michele (Stephanie), Melanie (Karen) and John (Becky). Ever the great supporter of her kids, the songs made her smile, despite one of the singers thinking the lyrics were, “Reverend Blue Jeans.”

Along with her brothers, Charles and Huey (who predeceased her), Marvia was born and raised in Baltimore, MD by her parents, Maryland and Hugh Slade. She met her husband, William Perreault, when she was attending Hood College and he was an army officer at Fort Dietrich. William predeceased her in 2019. Together they raised four children who subsequently gave them 7 grandchildren and more recently, 4 great-grandchildren.

Marvia and William settled in Appleton, WI for several decades, raising their children to be proper Green Bay Packer fans as well as loyal Lawrence University supporters. They enjoyed watching their children’s sports and activities in high school and college, rarely missing a game or performance, whether home or away. She and William made our house the one where kids gathered on summer nights for kick the can, running through the neighborhood with wild abandon. And she fed whomever needing feeding, no

questions asked.

Marvia worked several jobs to help support her family. Her favorite job was working for Lawrence University in their Student Services department. She assured many a student that everything would work out, and it always did.

After retirement, Marvia and William returned to their roots on the East Coast, moving to Salisbury, MD to be near their daughter Melanie and also the ocean (in that order, we are told). That's where Marvia met her very close and loving friends, Linda, Verna, Jeanne, Bobbie, Bob and Anne, along with many other friends at Mallard Landing. The family thanks these folks for creating a welcoming village for Marvia the last many years. She truly loved you all.

Consistent with her wishes, the family will hold a private celebration of life in the future. If you wish to make a donation in her memory, two of her favorite places are Towson University and Lawrence University. She valued education and supported providing opportunities for all. She also loved animals, cats especially. A donation to your local animal shelter or the Humane Society would be welcome. Otherwise, feel free to honor her memory the way she would celebrate: have a lobster and don't you dare forget all the meat in the body and legs! Or go to a beach and just watch the waves come in as the sun sets. She will be missed, but never forgotten.