



Marlene Jinks

April 11, 1940 - September 20, 2025

It is with deep love and gratitude for a life well lived that we announce the passing of Marlene Jinks, age 85, who went home to be with her Lord on Saturday, September 20, 2025.

Born on April 11, 1940, Marlene lived a life marked by faith, kindness, service, and devotion. She was married to the love of her life, Edward Jinks, Jr., for 64 years until his passing in 2023. Together they built a solid foundation of love, family, and faith that will continue to bless generations to come.

She was the proud mother of seven children, and she cherished her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Family was always at the center of her heart, and her love extended far beyond her own household. Known for her generosity and hospitality, she opened her home to anyone in need, offering a meal, a listening ear, or simply a safe place to rest.

For many years, Marlene worked as a secretary and bookkeeper, but her true life's work was caring for others and sharing the love of Christ. Her unwavering devotion to the Lord was evident in the way she lived—always kind, always prayerful, and always ready to encourage others with her faith.

She enjoyed time spent with family and friends, whether at church, around the dinner table, or in simple quiet moments of conversation. Her legacy is one of

love, faith, and service.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Edward Jinks, Jr. and is survived by their 7 sons and their wives, Edward, 3rd and Mary, Robert and Debby, Thomas and Ellen, Kenneth and Gina, Lawrence and Natalie, Timothy and Jennifer, and James and Nicolle.

“Gram” is also survived by her cherished grandchildren, Edward, 4th and Hannah Jinks, Beth and Mike Coletta, Kenneth and Loren Jinks, Kimberly and Ron Masi, Wes and Rachel Gossett, Ashley Murphy, Krista and Francis O’Rourke, Brooke Jinks, Thomas and Amelia Jinks, Kevin and Melissa Jinks, Michael, Nicholas, Joshua, Evan and Ethan Jinks. She is also survived by her great grandchildren, Aerilyn, Ellie, Edward, 5th, Ryan, Michael, Andrew, Charlotte, Kenneth, Madelyn, Viviana, Noah, Elaine, Lillian, Lucille, Francis, Darby, Dawson, Sylvia, and Colton, and by her furry friend, Wanda.

A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at Van Tassel Funeral Home in Bloomfield, NJ, with visitation beginning at 9am and a service to follow at 10am. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in her memory.

“Well done, good and faithful servant...enter into the joy of your Lord.” –
Matthew 25:23

Here is the zoom link for the Memorial Service:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84772875307>

Cemetery Details

East Ridgelawn Cemetery

255 Main Ave
Clifton, NJ 07014

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 27. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Van Tassel Funeral Home
337 Belleville Avenue
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
(973) 743-1234 or (973) 743-1761
<https://www.vantasselfuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

SEP 27. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Van Tassel Funeral Home
337 Belleville Avenue
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
(973) 743-1234 or (973) 743-1761
<https://www.vantasselfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

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“ It’s like I lost my Mom all over again. She will be definitely missed. She will always be a part of me. She was always influential to us as being Christians. Even though we were miles away. Someday I shall see both of my moms. But in the meantime I still have my brothers whom she left behind.

Zina Gregoryhenley - September 26, 2025 at 09:30 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Marlene Jinks.



September 26, 2025 at 12:32 PM

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“ Jimmy Schneider purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Marlene Jinks.



Jimmy Schneider - September 26, 2025 at 11:06 AM

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“ Jimmy Schneider planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marlene Jinks.

Jimmy Schneider - September 26, 2025 at 11:06 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marlene Jinks.



September 25, 2025 at 09:07 PM



“ Emma and Deloris purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Marlene Jinks.



Emma and Deloris - September 24, 2025 at 11:52 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marlene Jinks.



September 24, 2025 at 06:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marlene Jinks.

September 24, 2025 at 12:53 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marlene Jinks.*



September 24, 2025 at 12:53 PM



“ *In my life, I was blessed to have my own special pair of M&Ms. One was my precious and loving wife Maggie. The other was my dear and wonderful friend Marlene. With that duo being a part of me, how could I not help but become a better Christian and person. Sadly, I have now lost both of them this year. Joyfully, I believe they have earned their heavenly reward. And I know their influence, presence, and love will live on in me and many others. Say hello to Maggie and Ed and save a seat at the table for me. No more fighting over the check. Jesus has already picked up the tab. Pat Nalbach*

Pat Nalbach - September 23, 2025 at 01:00 PM



“ *Dr. Patricia Jones Gregory purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Marlene Jinks.*



Dr. Patricia Jones Gregory - September 23, 2025 at 12:11 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marlene Jinks.*



September 23, 2025 at 07:33 AM



“ *Mary Blackburn-Jackson & family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marlene Jinks.*



Mary Blackburn-Jackson & family - September 22, 2025 at 01:36 PM



“ *I wish to express my deepest sympathy to Marlene's family, friends, & Christian family. May you received comfort that she was a devoted Christian & now she has started her journey to an eternal salvation with the Lord.*



Mary Blackburn-Jackson & family

MARY BlackburnJackson - September 22, 2025 at 12:58 PM