



Marian Elizabeth Kirsten

July 28, 1942 - December 15, 2025

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Age 83, of Park Falls, passed away peacefully on December 15, 2025, at Park Manor Nursing Home. Marian was born on July 28, 1942, in Butternut WI, to Nick and Ann (Palm) Kerscher. Throughout her childhood and young adulthood, she spent time helping out at her parents' tavern, Nicks Bar, out on County F in Butternut. Marian graduated from Butternut High School in 1960. On June 27, 1964, she married Warren Kirsten, together they raised two sons. While raising her family in Butternut Marian spent many years as an EMT for Park Falls Ambulance. Teaching many First Aid and CPR classes and attending many of the Butternut basketball games for standby. After raising her family Marian went back to school in La Crosse for a degree in Medical Records.

Later in life Marian worked many jobs before retiring from the Northway Motor Lodge.

Marian enjoyed her pool league nights, playing cards, her computer games, cooking, and finding new recipes and she always had a sports game playing on the tv in the background.

Marian is survived by her son Kurt (Kim) Kirsten. Three granddaughters, Jennifer (Seth) Wagner, Melissa (Jeff) Wehrman, Nicole (Krissy) Kirsten, one grandson, Ty Seitz and 10 great grandchildren. And her special friend, her

“sister” Judy Sleck.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Warren, and her first son William “Bill” Van Auken Jr.

Memorial service will be held at 6:00pm on Monday December 29, 2025, at Birch Street Funeral Service Chapel in Park Falls. Deacon Robert Schienebeck will officiate.

A visitation will be held from 4:00pm until the hour of the service on Monday December 29, 2025, at the funeral home.

Interment will take place in Spring at St. Cecelia Cemetery in Butternut.

Birch Street Funeral Service is assisting the family.

www.birchstreetfuneralservice.com

Cemetery Details

Saint Cecelia Catholic Cemetery

Butternut, WI 54514

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Birch Street Funeral Service
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Tribute Wall

JR

“ Kurt, enjoyed your Mom for years on the ambulance service. We had some sad runs, but we were always there to support each other. She was a good friend. So sorry for your loss, hugs.

Jean Rose-Koller - December 29, 2025 at 11:59 AM

JH

“ Kurt, I fondly remember chats with Ma. So sorry for you loss. She's watching over you now with no worries. Huge hug to you and your family.

Jill Herbst - December 16, 2025 at 09:24 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to Kurt and the family! ☐☐



Cindy Larson - December 16, 2025 at 02:22 PM