

Marilynn Dorothy Sinclair

Marilynn Dorothy Sinclair October 17, 1947 - March 16, 2008 Marilynn Dorothy Sinclair was born in Detroit, Michigan, October 17, 1947. She died at Larchwood Inns, March 16, after a lengthy illness at the age of 60. She spent her childhood in Grosse Point Park and Ann Arbor, Michigan. She graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a BS in Sociology. She moved to Grand Junction in 1980 and worked for Dr. Geno Saccomanno and St. Mary's Hospital as a field collector for his lung cancer research. Her work experience also included being a customer service delivery agent and brochure coordinator for Grand Junction Travel for 13 years. In addition, she was employed by the State of Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation as a receptionist and administrative assistant and she served as a Mesa County election judge. Recently, she ventured into computer work becoming a "virtual assistant" for a well known ebay author. After graduation from the Mesa County Sheriff's Office: Citizen Police Academy, she became a Victim Assistance Program Volunteer in an on-call capacity helping victims of crime. Marilynn was the founder and first president of the Colorado Desert Herb Society and became a Master Gardener through the Colorado State University Continuing Master Gardener's Program. She was a member of the Western Colorado Botanical Gardens and Guild with an interest in the American Ancestral Garden and the International Garden. She was a member of the Art Center and studied calligraphy, drawing, painting and pottery. She studied Tuscan, Thai and French cooking. She loved cataloguing her huge collection of articles about gardening, art and cooking. World religions and her Bible Study group were subjects of great interest to her. She researched genealogy for the family. She enjoyed spending time with children and was a nanny to one of her young nephews. Addicted to books, she made almost daily visits to the library and bookstore. She loved, and had a special talent for, interior decorating and made all of the holidays sparkle with decoration and celebration for her family. Although she quit smoking 19 years ago, her lung cancer was tobacco related. She wanted to have this fact in her obituary to warn people of the terrible dangers of tobacco use. She was preceded in death by her father Joseph Treble Sinclair, Jr. and her mother Miriam Hoener Sinclair. She is survived by a brother Joseph Treble Sinclair III (Lani), and two sisters Margaret Grace Robb (the late James M.) and Suzanne Elizabeth Williams (Mark N.) and nephews Stephen Sinclair Sullivan and John McCabe Williams and nieces Jennifer Sullivan Mills, Brook Jaclyn Sinclair and Amy Robb Scott. She is also survived by three cousins and eight grand nephews and nieces. May she rest pain free and in peace knowing how much beauty she brought to our lives. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 22 at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 3888 27 1/2 Road, Grand Junction. Cremation has taken place at Callahan-Edfast and burial with her parents will follow in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Donations may be made to the Colorado Desert Herb Society c/o the Botanical Gardens of Western Colorado, 641 Struthers Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501 or Hospice & Palliative Care of Western Colorado, P.O. Box 60307, Grand Junction, CO 81506

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