



# Marne Katherine Olson

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**M**arne Katherine Olson of Mandeville, LA went to be with the Lord on Thursday, April 12, 2018. She was born on May 2, 1955 in Elmhurst, IL to George William Olson, Jr. and Suzanne Wright Olson.

Marne is survived by her beloved companion Angelique Green; her beloved granddaughter Olivia Bowdoin; her sisters Victoria Garner and Cydney Schultz; and her brother Chuck Olson. She is also survived by a large extended family and many friends who will miss her dearly.

A private service will be held at a later date.



## Tribute Wall

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DL

**David Lindberg** posted:

Twenty years ago we opened the B&N in Metairie together. We climbed the ladder together and built our careers. Marne was always a good friend, a solid co-worker and a kind soul. The world is a little darker today. Miss you, dear.

May 2 at 5:38 PM

AG

**Angelique Green** May 21 at 4:21 PM

Thank you for your kind words, Dave. Marne always had a special place in her heart for you. She was the fiercest, loving, honest, genuine person I ever knew. I loved her with all my heart!! I hope life is treating you well.

GM

**Glenda Moret** posted:

Marne will be sadly missed. She was one of my first friends at BN when I started. Knowledgeable and so nice to make someone feel at ease. I saw her thru the years and she still continued to smile and be so nice. She lived a beautiful life with such a good heart. Sending prayers to all of you. Glenda Moret.

May 1 at 12:32 PM

AG

**Angelique Green** May 21 at 4:25 PM

Thanks, Glenda. She enjoyed her years at B&N and all of her B&N family. She valiantly fought her cancer for over 8 years, until she couldn't go any more. I loved her and was blessed with 24 years as her life partner. I hope you are doing well. God bless you.

JS

**Jane Snell** posted:

I had met Marne a few times at Barnes and Noble conferences, just passing in the hall or at the airports. After Katrina, I went into the Mandeville store and when Marne saw me she gave me the biggest hug. It caught me by surprise and brought tears to my eyes. I always remember that moment when I think of her. Thanks Marne!!

April 30 at 10:25 AM

AG

**Angelique Green** May 21 at 4:29 PM

Thanks for your friendship through the years. Marne was such a private person and didn't want people to see her as she struggled with her cancer the past year or so. She fought hard and wanted to stay with me and Olivia, but God had other plans. I will always love and miss her! Thank you for coming to her Celebration of Life; it meant a lot to me.



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MS

**Marian Martin-Schwing** posted:

Marne had a dry wit, intelligence, upbeat, curious and a great friend. Met her several years ago at Barnes & Noble where she was manager. As I was looking for a mystery book, she ask if I had read Caleb Carr. We were great friends after that!Marian Martin-Schwing & John Schwing

April 29 at 11:35 AM

AG

**Angelique Green** May 21 at 4:34 PM

Thank you and John for your friendship through the years. Marne enjoyed the times we spent together. Thanks for all of the wonderful meals you so lovingly prepared for us. I hope we remain friends and spend many times recounting all of the beautiful things we loved about Marne. See you and John soon.

AG

**Angelique Green** lit a candle in honor of Marne.



April 28 at 1:33 AM

AG

**Angelique Green** May 21 at 4:42 PM

I was blessed to be Marne's partner for 24 years. The last 8+ years were difficult times while she fiercely battled ovarian cancer. Marne didn't have a lot of friends, but those of you that she counted in that number know that she was the most loyal, honest and devoted friend. Thank you for the joy and happiness that each of you brought to her life. Besides me, Marne's greatest love was our granddaughter, Olivia. She and Marne shared a truly special and wonderful relationship! I will be sure that Olivia never forgets her Aunt Marne. I will continue to love her until God calls me home and I join her in Heaven. God bless all of you!!



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**Gee Smith** sent a virtual gift in honor of Marne.



April 25 at 11:27 AM



**Gee Smith** April 25 at 11:35 AM

My friend .. My buddy .. My Yank and the greatest Cubs fan ever ! You fought so hard for so long and you never gave up. You were strong until the last breath. You left this world with pride and dignity and made me proud to say that I was your friend. I will miss you every day and I loved you with all of my heart. You are my hero and we will still make that golf trip when I get there so look for me.



**Carol Holland** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Marne and I shared many Cancer support stories...Mine was minor and hers was not. I always admired her courage and stamina to fight this battle. Now I am happy that she is a peace. Attached is a picture of something Marne gave me ...I will think of her every time I try to make a putt. God bless all of her friends and family. Carol



Holland [http://storage.lifetributes.com/Temp/b765eae6-24f7-4c2d-bfce-32c3a6992c6a\\_Thumb.jpg](http://storage.lifetributes.com/Temp/b765eae6-24f7-4c2d-bfce-32c3a6992c6a_Thumb.jpg)

April 22 at 10:47 AM



**Gee Smith** April 25 at 11:19 AM

My friend .. My buddy .. My Yank and the greatest Cubs fan ever. You fought so hard for so long and you never gave up. You left this world with pride and dignity till the last breath. She showed me what real strength was and you are my hero. I'll miss you every day and love you until I get to heaven. Look for me cause I'm gonna be there too.



**Angelique L Green** April 24 at 3:32 AM

Thanks for your loving words. Marne loved you and always knew she could count on you for an encouraging word. Angie



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DB

**Dianne Barksdale** posted:

Such a wonderful person. So glad I got to know her and play golf with her. She will be greatly missed. Dianne Barksdale

April 21 at 12:53 PM

AG

**Angelique L Green** April 24 at 2:37 AM

Thank you for your kind thoughts. Marne so very much enjoyed playing golf with the ladies. She would come home and tell me her stories of new friendships made, putts missed, and the joy she found on the golf course. Thank you to all of the NWGA ladies for enriching her life and putting a smile on her beautiful face. I will miss her stories!!! Angie Green, Marne's partner of 24 years

KB

**Kenneth, Pamela And Olivia Bowdoin** posted:

Our family has been so blessed by having Marne in our lives. Marne was such a great role model for our daughter Olivia to look up to. She was a strong, courageous and loving woman. I truly enjoyed seeing the love her and Olivia shared together. Olivia called her Aunt Marne, but she was way more than that to her, she was her grandmother. Marne, we love you and cant thank you enough for loving Angie and Olivia the way you did. You will forever have a place in our hearts. All our Love, Kenneth, Pamela and Olivia Bowdoin

April 18 at 3:08 PM

AG

**Angelique L Green** April 24 at 2:38 AM

Thanks for sharing the love that Marne had for Olivia. Olivia was her heart and she loved her as if she was her own. Love to Ya'll...Mom



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MB

**Mary Boch** posted:

Marne was one of my very first friends in kindergarten at Green Valley School... we loved swinging on the swings and one of my favorite memories is her pigtails flying behind her as we enjoyed... She was a true friend to all and will surely be missed by her family and friends 😊 I feel sooo blessed that we had our reconnect in October and were able to enjoy a great day with tons of funny stories and memories of life growing up in Lombard.... Rest In Peace my sweet girl

April 15 at 2:26 PM

AG

**Angelique L Green** April 24 at 2:40 AM

Marne was so happy to reconnect with you after all those years! She was a loyal and forever friend to so many. May God continue to bless you with more friends like her. Love, Angie

SF

**Sharon Finklea** posted:

My deepest sympathy to all the family. She fought a hard battle always smiling. I met Marne through golf. She was a pleasure to be around and will be missed. God Bless Sharon Finklea

April 15 at 1:08 PM

AG

**Angelique L Green** April 24 at 3:44 AM

Thank you for your kind and thoughtful words. Marne enjoyed playing golf with all of the NWGA. Thank you for bringing moments of joy and happiness to her. We will all miss her.  
Angie Green, Marne's partner

MG

**Miranda Marne Garner** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I'm proud to have your name as a part of my own, I love you so much and I'll miss you, until we meet again Aunt Marne.

April 15 at 11:52 AM



AG

**Angelique L Green** April 24 at 3:46 AM

Your Aunt Marne loved you dearly, as do I. But, as you said, we will see her again in Heaven, where she will have no more pain and no more tears. RIP, Marne. I love you, too Aunt Angie



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RE

**Renne** posted:

I went to high school with Marne but didn't really know her til our trip to Europe after graduation, hosted by Foreign Study League. What a blast we had! I've very fond memories of shared meals of cheese, a baguette & wine at several fountains & historic steps; sneaking back after curfew on the Jan Bach in Amsterdam & somebody in our group getting stuck in the porthole; hiking in Austria & drinking from a pristine Mtn stream; viewing the Southern Cross in the night sky... those & many more memories I'll treasure forever.

April 14 at 2:45 PM

AG

**Angelique L Green** April 24 at 3:51 AM

Marne was happy to reconnect with some of her old friends from Illinois. She had a great time last October when she went home and was able to visit with several of her longtime friends. I want to thank you for every moment of happiness and joy that you ever brought to her in her life. It means the world to me to know she will be remembered with so much love. Angie Green

SD

**Susan Skertic Dedelow** posted:

Marne and I both worked in market research (me in Chicago and her in New Orleans). We were friends over the phone YEARS before we met in person. We kept in touch after she left the industry. Some of my favorite cookbooks came from her time at Barnes and Noble - one actually fell on my foot the other day...and I opened it only to see a beautiful photo of Marne and Angie and a handwritten note. She will be truly missed.

April 14 at 12:47 PM

AG

**Angelique L Green** April 24 at 3:54 AM

Thanks for sharing that memory. Marne always enjoyed talking CUBS with you and hearing about your beautiful family. Your friendship enriched her life and brought joy and happiness to her. For that I will always be grateful. Love, Angie



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CM

**Carron Mcentire** posted:

Marne was one of my managers at the Mandeville Barnes & Noble when it first opened. What a fantastic time we all had as a team putting the store together and introducing the Northshore to the B&N experience. She and I bonded instantly and always shared laughs on our shifts together. Marne was such a funny person, and I enjoyed our times together tremendously. She was a genuinely kind person, so sincere and so easy to talk to about anything. I appreciated her being so patient with me as a high school senior working my first "big girl" job. She trusted me even as a young adult to be a lead bookseller, and I learned a lot from her about how to be an approachable, compassionate and respected leader. I have enjoyed keeping in touch with her over the years whether on Facebook or stopping in at B&N when I was in town. She always gave me a big bear hug and made time to get caught up with me. Marne is one of my all time favorite people, and I know we are all going to miss her greatly.

April 14 at 11:49 AM

AG

**Angelique L Green** April 24 at 2:56 AM

Thank you, Carron for your moving words. Her time at B&N was mostly a happy one and I know she enjoyed working with all of her staff. For every moment of joy and happiness that you gave her, I will forever be grateful. Angie

AG

**Amanda Green** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My favorite memory of Aunt Marne is spending time with her in the cat room with Boo Kitty and all of her Cubs memorabilia. She was always kind to me and my sister when we came to visit. I'm so glad we got to all come together again in May for Delaney's wedding. I love you Aunt Marne and Aunt Angie 💚



April 14 at 9:18 AM

AG

**Angelique L Green** April 24 at 3:59 AM

Thanks, Amanda for sharing a memory about your Aunt Marne. She loved you and your sister with all her heart. We will always miss her, but can take comfort in the knowledge that we will see her again in Heaven. I love you my sweet Amanda. Aunt Angie



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**Cheryl Welch** posted:

She was the coolest girl I knew in High School ... and hanging out with her made me feel cool too. Generous, kind and thoughtful in word and deed. Will miss your light among us, my friend. Sending love to Marne and her family.

April 14 at 7:48 AM



**Angelique L Green** April 24 at 4:02 AM

Thanks Cheryl. She loved reconnecting with you and sharing memories. It made her happy. I am thankful for the role you played in her life and for each and every joy that you gave her.  
Angie Green



**Victoria Garner** posted:

My dearest sister, life will never be the same with out you in it. I can only imagine what your seeing and doing right now and how happy you are ! I will miss you terribly but will join you in the blink of an eye. I will cheer every Cubs game for you like we were watching together. Until we meet again,love you big sis XOXO Vic

April 14 at 7:34 AM



**Angelique L Green** April 24 at 4:05 AM

I love you for all your help the last few weeks of her life. It was a blessing to her and me. Keep cheering for the Cubs and know that they how have an edge with Marne watching the games from Heaven!!! Angie



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