

MARILYN FISCHEL OBITUARY (August 29th, 1928 – November 21st, 2024)

Marilyn Fischel, former wife of the late Morton Fischel, passed away peacefully on November 21st, 2024, at her Chicago Home surrounded by family. Marilyn was the loving daughter of Rose and Sam Fierman and after their deaths, the adopted daughter of Charlotte and Alexander Archer. Her memory will be preserved by her cherished son Jon and his wife Molly (Sullivan) and her three precious grandchildren: Mia Rose, Jack Quinn and Gannon Moore. She leaves behind three devoted surrogate daughters: Meradith Cherbo, Jan Sachs and Marilyn Levatino, and her cherished friend, Randi Fiat, without whom her memoir “Wanderlust” could not have been written.

A lifelong Chicagoan, she adored the city of her birth. She was a childhood victim of polio and fought the resulting paralysis for much of her life. She received a Bachelor of Science with Honors degree at the University of Illinois, Champaign. A pioneering businesswoman, she established a successful coin-operated laundry business across the city that endured for fifty years until being sold to a public company.

A member of the Circumnavigators Club, Marilyn immersed herself in the joys of discovery. Her adventurous spirit led to many trips around the world to exotic destinations. Her epic travels to over 150 countries and seven continents included the treacherous crossing of the Khyber Pass from Afghanistan to Pakistan. She mingled with indigenous peoples of New Guinea and the Amazon River and the burning Ghats of India and experienced the heights of Bhutan in the Himalayas. These adventures and many more provided vivid life experiences and a vast collection of objects of art.

Marilyn was a member of the Streeterville and Wesley Societies of Northwestern Memorial Hospital and was a dedicated volunteer for many years.

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Internment at Rosehill Cemetery on Sunday 24th, 2024