



## Marcia Ann (Balaski) McGillvray

February 2, 1944 - December 24, 2022

Marcia Ann (Balaski) McGillvray was born February 2, 1944 in International Falls, Minnesota. Marcia was a member of the St. Richard's Catholic Church in Bald Knob and was also a member of St. Richard's Altar Society.

She was a lifetime member of Weight Watchers.

She worked for Speed Queen (Maytag) for 33 years, mostly in a Supervisor position. She retired from Maytag when they closed the plant in December 2006.

Marcia had a love for making and sharing cakes, especially Strawberry and Mississippi Mud. She had a great love for her family and always enjoyed family get togethers, not only on holidays but every chance they were able to gather; Saturday morning breakfast was one of her favorites. Next to church, these were the highlights of her week.

Halloween was a very special time for Marcia because she loved sharing and spreading happiness with children and their families. Marcia and her late husband Billy Ray McGillvray started a tradition where family members and friends would gather at their home to set up on the carport to give out candy. There were always a line of chairs with 8 – 10 people passing out treats starting early in the evening until the last one came by no matter how late. A bonfire with chili, pizza, soup, hot dogs, chips and corn dogs and drinks were also present to feed the family. Marcia always made sure her table was filled with bowls and buckets of candy so there was no worry of running out.

She loved to bake for the holidays and her candy trays she shared were

always a welcome site.

She also loved to make fresh freezer jams to share with family and friends. Her other favorite things were swinging in her swing, watching Jeopardy and the Price is Right and all things family.

Marcia is survived by 3 sons, Robert McGillvray, Charles A. McGillvray (Delena) and Mathew McGillvray all of Bald Knob; granddaughter, Ashlyn McGillvray and grandson, William "Will" McArthur of Bald Knob; sisters, Virginia Joslyn of International Falls, Minnesota and Pamela Hill (Gene) of Iron, Minnesota.

She also leaves behind a host of other family and friends, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Lena Balaski; her husband, Billy Ray McGillvray; grandson, Bryan McGillvray; daughter-in-law, Mary McGillvray; brothers, George Balaski, Phillip Balski and Hubert Balaski; sisters, Katherine Schwark, Elaine Konsti, Helene Madzia; in-laws, Charles H. and Agnes McGillvray.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Powell Funeral Home in Searcy. A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the St. Richard's Catholic Church in Bald Knob. Interment will follow in the Carter Cemetery. Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Homes. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net).

# Cemetery Details

## Carter Cemetery

Russell, AR

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)  
2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expy  
Searcy, AR 72143  
(501) 268-7220  
searcy@powellfuneralhome.net  
<https://www.powellfuneralhome.net/>

## Mass

JAN 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Richards Catholic Church  
101 W. Cleveland Street  
Bald Knob, AR 72010

# Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Marcia Ann (Balaski) McGillvray



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - January 02, 2023 at 04:25 PM

KF

“ Mrs. Marcia was like my Mom, so Precious to me, she always was checking in on me, praying for myself and my Family as well as I was praying for her and her Family. Even though I was her Avon lady, we always put Families first. Enjoy the presence of our Savior my Sweet Precious Friend. I love you and miss you Greatly. Karen

Karen Foster - January 06, 2023 at 01:27 PM

RT

“ Reuben & Cheri Thonerfelt purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Marcia Ann (Balaski) McGillvray.



Reuben & Cheri Thonerfelt - January 03, 2023 at 01:25 PM

EW

“ *Marsha was one of the sweetest people I've ever known.....I loved her sweet smile and caring heart for so many. She will truly be missed.*

*Jim and Edna*

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**edna watson** - January 01, 2023 at 07:25 PM

MD

“ *My sincere condolences. Marcia was such a sweet lady. Rest in peace, Marcia.*



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**Margaret Davis** - December 31, 2022 at 03:35 PM

LB

“ *Charlie, so sorry to hear this. You have my sincere condolences.*



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**Leah Brooks** - December 31, 2022 at 11:10 AM

SB

“ *Marcia was a special lady to our family during our years of living on Forbes Drive. Her peanut clusters were the best at Christmas time. I will definitely miss our visits at the drug store . She always had a smile to share and a hug before she left. Prayers for her sweet boys and family.*

*I love you all* ❤️🙏

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**Sherrie (Miller) Batrentine** - December 30, 2022 at 09:40 PM

LP

*So sorry, for your loss. Ms Marcia always had a sweet smile and so pleasant. Prayers for all 🙏*

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**Linda K Pearson** - January 01, 2023 at 02:41 PM

JE

*So very sorry for your loss of your mother. She was a great lady, mother and Christian. I know you will miss her but she is happy with God and her relatives that have gone before. I will share a fond memory I have of her. She would come to Cloquet always driving a big, blue station wagon. My sister, Elaine and her would go out driving maybe looking for boys. One time my mother made them take me. So they paid me a nickle to hide in the back seat! She will be missed by all. Janice*

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**Janice M Edwards** - January 02, 2023 at 01:04 PM

DM

*“ Marsha. Was such  
A fine lady. I will miss her  
Love Deb*

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**debbie miller** - December 30, 2022 at 04:49 PM