### **Irene Pearson**

### December 1948 – February 2019



#### **Sally Hands**

So sorry to hear of the passing of Marge Miller, such a lovely, generous person. I actually lectured her when she was a student at Dartford, so got to know her well.

### Ann Stuart (Chair of BOU)

Very sad news for all of us at the Dartford BOU. Marge Millar has died at the age of 70, far too young. She was Chairman in the 1980's and held the Union together when the college closed. A great supporter of the BOU, always generous with her time and praise for others. She knew and influenced so many people and always encouraged students and young teachers. I counted her as a personal friend and we shared our love of our Scottish heritage regularly. She will be very sadly missed.

### **Kim Stafford**

I had come across Marge via netball in my first year of teaching, but then got to know her when, via some mutual friends, we arranged a multi school ski trip to Les Arc (1800). It was a memorable trip in many ways, but I remember sharing a lift with her when we had a good old chuckle about how good it would be to host Kent Netball Tournaments there on the tennis courts - which at the time were totally covered with snow! Marge was great fun and her dry wit kept us all laughing. Marge was a loyal supporter of Kent Netball and for many years would turn up at all events to lend her support. She was also a proud member of the Bergman Osterberg Union and proud to have beeline of "Madame's Girls" at Dartford College, the home of Netball! She was enjoying following the Roses and was thrilled with their latest success! A proud Scot to the end!

#### Kent Netball

Marge was awarded Life membership of Kent Netball in 1980 in recognition of her work with our sport. Marge worked for the Sports Council for many years and was very supportive of Kent Netball in her role as a

Development Officer. Although Netball was not her 'favourite' sport she supported and attended many events. Marge presented a trophy to the county to honour organisations involved in the development of netball in Kent in 2000. The recipients of this award were:

Honours Marge Millar Recipients			
ID	Year	First Name	Surname
77	2000	Medway Council	
76	2001	Kent Messenger group	
75	2002	University of Kent	
74	2003	Rainham School for girls	
73	2004	University of Greenwich	
72	2005	Sam Trailor	
71	2006	Ashford Netball League	
70	2007	Pent Valley Disability Netball Group	
69	2008	Kent County Junior Netball League Committee	
79	2009	Rainham School for Girls	
80	2010	Kent Sports Development Unit	
81	2011	Regional Talent Groups	
82	2012	Folkestone Town Netball Club	
83	2013	The Kent Archives Group	
84	2014	The Medway Back to Netball Group	
85	2015	The Herne bay Back to Netball Group	
86	2016	Malling & Maidstone Netball League	
87	2017	Rising Stars Junior Netball League	
88	2018	Medway Netball League	

Marge was a popular, loyal, inspirational and enthusiastic Life Member and we shall miss her.

# **Cathy Hickey**

I always found Marge to be jolly company and always smiling.

# Maureen Clark – England Netball Honorary Life Member and President of Surrey Netball

Marge attended SE Region meetings for many years in her capacity as Sports Council representative and was always supportive of netball in our region. In those days, grants were awarded to regions to disseminate to counties and I felt we were lucky that Marge was around to make sure the money was distributed fairly.

# Lindsay Sartori – England Netball President and former treasurer / chair of LSE Netball

Marge was a great supporter of netball most especially in London and the south eastern counties. A warm and enthusiastic lady who promoted sport and inspired through her energy and commitment. I last saw her at the London Youth Games – an event that I know she was always delighted to attend and see so many young people enjoying their sport and being active.