

## People of United Reformed

**Name:** Marilyn Short  
**Nickname:** Lynn  
**Spouse:** Glenn  
**Years married:** 33 years  
**Children:** Kimberly and Erica, 37 and Matthew, 32  
**Parents:** Jack and Bert Van Kalsbeck  
**Siblings:** one younger brother, Jack



### Favorite Things

**Movie:** It's a Wonderful Life

**TV Show:** The Big Bang Theory, This is Us, sports and HGTV

**Kind of Music:** a variety—oldies, country, pop and soft rock

**Song:** *Till There Was You, Devoted To You*

**Book:** Jane Eyre

**Hobbies:** Reading and movies

**Food:** Japanese hibachi, Mexican and Italian

**Beverage:** Chai Tea



**Favorite Childhood Memory:** Our family vacations were very often in historical places where my dad invariably found a cemetery we spent lots of time reading epitaphs on old tomb stones.

**When I have a day off the thing I most like to do:** Read and have lunch with a friend



**My idea of a perfect vacation:** The sun, the beach, an umbrella and a good book.

**One of the best things that ever happened to me:** Marrying Glenn and raising our family and then becoming a grandmother to Ben, Molly, and Eric.

### **The funniest thing that ever happened to me:**

While shopping in Willowbrook with my daughters I saw my mailman, Bob. I said, "I didn't recognize you with your clothes on" (meaning without his uniform!) Oh, the looks I got from the ladies nearby!

**Something that very few people know about me:** I always wanted to be a back-up singer in a band.

### **One of the hardest things I ever had to face:**

Glenn was sick and dying at the same time Matthew was diagnosed with a severe chronic illness. They were in different hospitals. Much of it is a blur to me now, but I know I was blessed to have God and wonderful friends holding me up throughout.



**If I had my dream job:** it would be holding babies in a hospital nursery or owning a cozy little bookstore like the one I frequent in Bethany Beach, DE.

**Favorite Scripture:** Matthew 17:20 If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.

**Favorite Hymn:** *It Is Well With My Soul, Lamb of God, More Precious Than Silver, As The Deer.*



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**How long have you been worshipping at United Reformed Church?** 33 years since 1984

**What first brought you to United?** I was baptized in this church then attended elsewhere and came back when we had our family.

**The thing I most appreciate about United is** the kind and caring people here, many who are like family to me now.

**Who had the biggest influence in shaping your faith and why?** First, my mom; I learned hymns by singing with her as we did dishes together. She was a gentle Christian woman. Later I met saints in this church whom I came to admire, people like Ella Visscher and Walter Van Dyke, as well as others.

**The thing that God is teaching me right now** John 13:34 "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

**My biggest question about my faith is** why is there so much hatred in this world.

**What difference has God made in your life?** In good and in bad, I know I am never alone.



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