

Lois Emmert Marty
Dec. 15, 1929 - April 5, 2014

Lois (Emmert) Marty, age 84, of Union Grove/Mount Horeb, passed away on April 5, 2014.

Lois was born in Elgin, Ill., on Dec. 15, 1929, the daughter of Ralph and Helen (Ott) Emmert. She graduated from Elgin High School in 1948 and attended Ripon College. She worked as a flight attendant for American Airlines until her marriage to Wilbert (Bill) Marty on June 14, 1952. He preceded her in death in 1998, after 46 years of marriage. She lived in Columbus, Dodgeville and Sheboygan before moving to the Mount Horeb area in 1966. Lois worked at Cave of the Mounds, Mount Horeb Farmer's Co-op, Production Credit Association for 21 years, and later at Lands' End. She volunteered at the Information Hut, Clothes Closet and the United Methodist Church and was a cookie mom for the Girl Scouts.

Lois and Bill were founding members of Homestead Senior Living Cooperative in Mount Horeb. They spent many hours researching and planning for its creation and lived there upon its opening. She served on its board of directors and as its president.

Always on the go, Lois had many passions. She loved to sing, having leads in college musicals and also solo work. She loved to golf and travel. Lois was an avid sweepstaker. She won many prizes, including a 2-man submarine, and many wonderful trips, which provided opportunities for both travel and golf. Above all, she loved a good sale and if one item was a great bargain, two or more were better. She was a member of Mount Horeb United Methodist Church and performed in several Lenten productions.

Lois supported her children by attending their concerts and sporting events, church activities and plays. She supported her husband's love of coaching high school football and basketball, watching from the stands. A bridge player, lover of crosswords and jigsaw puzzles, she enjoyed good food and well-made martinis. The twinkle in her eye was accompanied by a bright smile and a ready laugh.

She is survived by her four children, Debra (Roland) Witte of Waterford, Wis., Lynn (Ronald) Grames of Florissant, Mo., Cynthia Marty (Greg Zerkle) of Reseda, Calif., and Larry Marty of Chaska, Minn.; seven grandchildren, Dennis (Jill) Witte; Joan (Dustin) Foster; Ryden, Ethan and Meredith Grames; Ben (Stacy) Sosniecki; and Dylan Marty; three great-grandchildren, Lillian, Isaac and Lucille (born April 8) Witte. A sister-in-law, Judith Emmert of Elgin, Ill.; two nieces, a nephew, other relatives and many friends also survive her.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; brother, Charles; sister-in-law, Irene G. Marty; brother-in-law, Melvin; and other relatives.

NOTE: Interred in Highland Cemetery, Monticello.