



Marilyn Jean Loftsgard

September 2, 1933 - July 9, 2023

Marilyn Jean Loftsgard, was born in Fort Wayne, IN to Emerson K. Loomis and Esther M. Kensgaard. Shortly after her birth, her family moved to Indianapolis where she was raised. She graduated from Arsenal Technical High School in Indianapolis and from Indiana University in Bloomington where she was a member of Phi Mu Sorority. She obtained a fellowship from the Lutheran Church to Arizona State University in Tempe Where she worked in campus ministry and establishment of a Lutheran Student Association while pursuing graduate work in education. It was there she met her husband, Wendell Loftsgard and they were married April 21, 1957. She was preceded in death by her husband and her sister, Betty Campbell.

She was an elementary school teacher for a span of 40 yrs in Arizona, California and Oregon. Her last years of teaching before retirement were at Philomath Elementary School. She had been active with her husband with Habitat for Humanity and had been a former board member. She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church.

Survivors include her sons, Neil and Eric (& Marilyn) and grandchildren Erika, Jaclyn, Daniel, Leah, Naomi and Jonathan.

A graveside funeral service will be at 1:00pm, Saturday, July 15 at Oaklawn Memorial Park, Corvallis

Memorial contributions can be made to Missionary Ventures International or Habitat for Humanity.

Cemetery Details

Oak Lawn Cemetery

2245 SW Whiteside Drive
Corvallis, OR 97333
(541) 753-4532

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL **15**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“Marilyn was our next door neighbor and friend since 1996. She made lovely quilts for all three of our children and helped me make a family portrait quilt for my parents 50th wedding anniversary. She was kind and generous like that and I have so many examples. Marilyn babysat for our three children when they were growing up, she was supportive and took an interest in their activities. She was very grandmotherly, sweet. She gave them number two pencils with their names engraved on them for school, along with personalized pencil bags for example. She gave them countless Christmas ornaments and often themed them on whatever the children were interested in at the time- be it sports or Ballet (this just reflects her genuine interest in the children).

After her husband Wendell was tragically killed, Marilyn came over for family dinners, including more than one holiday dinner, and our annual Christmas caroling parties.

We enjoyed visits with Marilyn even after she moved out of her home next door and moved her self into the Regent after her battle with cancer. She enjoyed telling stories of the new friends she was making there. She also sent newsy emails that we enjoyed reading.

We continued to get updates from Marilyn by phone and mostly through cards after she moved to Bend to be closer to Neil.

She shared many stories over the years her time teaching, life on the “farm” and the family dogs. She talked about of her two sons Neil and Eric often, and bragged about her grandchildren and their accomplishments. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers. Such a big loss. We will miss her greatly. I picture Marilyn home with her Lord and Savior and reunited with Wendell.

Love, Paula, Conrad, Dominique, Trevor, and Ethan Jenssen

Paula and Conrad Jenssen - July 14, 2023 at 01:34 AM