



Lois Maxine Leighton

January 7, 1924 - September 21, 2022

Lois Maxine (Larson) Leighton

Age 98, passed away peacefully on September 21, 2022. Preceded in death by her husband, John Richard "Jack" Leighton. Lois was born in Evansville, MN on January 7, 1924, and grew up in Alexandria, MN, the youngest of five children. Lois and Jack married at Westminster Presbyterian Church on August 14, 1950.

Lois graduated from Alexandria High School in 1942, attended St. Olaf College for one year, and graduated from the University of Minnesota with a BS with distinction in Education in 1946 and a MA in Child Psychology in 1950. Lois was a teacher in the University Elementary School. She also supervised student teachers at the U. She had a long career with Minneapolis Public Schools as a kindergarten and first grade teacher.

Lois and Jack raised their family in Edina, spending summers on Gull Lake. They traveled during the winters to sunny places: Hawaii, Florida, Arizona, and internationally: Europe and Asia. Lois enjoyed music, was an avid reader, and did beautiful needlepoint projects that her family will treasure always.

Lois is survived by her three children, Duncan (Annette) of Minnetonka, MN,

Reid (Jennifer) of Red Lodge, MT, and Elizabeth (John) Skinner of Makinen, MN; six grandchildren, Dave and Johnny Leighton, Bill and Samantha Leighton and Jack and Charlie Skinner; and many nieces and nephews.

Special thanks to the staff at Friendship Village in Bloomington, MN for all their care and support.

A celebration of Lois's life will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church (1200 Marquette Avenue South, Minneapolis) on Saturday, January 7, 2023 at 2 pm. At her request, a private interment with family will be at a later date at Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis.

Previous Events

Church Service

JAN 7. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Westminster Presbyterian Church
1200 Marquette Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55403

Tribute Wall

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“ We are so thankful to have known Lois. She was an amazing person with the grace and beauty of Audrey Hepburn. She had so much knowledge and interest in so many subjects. She just loved her life. We always looked forward to visiting with her. She was a kind and gracious friend to us. There will always be a special place in our hearts for her. 💖 Fred & Pam

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