



Lorraine Marion Wohlford

February 20, 1933 - May 17, 2020

Wohlford, Lorraine Marion (Lesniak) Passed peacefully on Sunday, May 17 at the age of 87. Due to COVID restrictions, she was surrounded in thought and prayer by her family. Lorraine lived a beautiful, fulfilled life. She was born and raised in Minneapolis where she met the love of her life, Jim Wohlford. They married in 1957 and together lived in New York, Cleveland, and Chicago before settling in Golden Valley, MN to raise their three children. Jim proudly designed and built a cabin on Lake Mille Lac where many incredible memories were realized with the family and their large circle of friends. Jim and Lorraine loved to travel and visited all 50 states, Canada, Mexico, as well as many European and Asian countries. Winters in retirement years were frequently spent in Florida with her beloved sister Arlene Cleary. She and Arlene were inseparable (even though they lived in different states). They had a very special relationship consisting of laughing (mostly at themselves and their antics), shopping, eating, traveling, and playing nickel slots. We know "sis" and "toots" are having a big old time now that they are reunited eternally. In her 70s and 80s, Lorraine continued to outpace most people in any age bracket with an active lifestyle; she tried zip lining, jet skiing, and other adventures while insisting on hosting family holidays, birthdays, and dinners with friends. Entertaining was one of Lorraine's greatest passions, which she accomplished with flair and ease. Being a grandma also came naturally to her. She was a constant fixture at the grandkid's events and was well known at their elementary school carnivals as the best foodservice volunteer in the

group. Glass completely full best describes Lorraine's positive attitude. To her, you could never have too many social plans or too many friends. A testament to her giving and caring nature, Lorraine had more friends than can be imagined. From childhood friends to neighbors to Jim's Triangle Fraternity to the chicly and self-named "Le Group," she remained closely connected with almost everyone she ever met. She seemed to go to "lunch with friends" more often than there are days in the week. They all enriched her life, as she did theirs. Lorraine was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Mary Lesniak; husband, Jim Wohlford; and sister and best friend, Arlene Cleary. She is survived by her children, Jim Wohlford (Julie), Mary Kelley (Scott) and Steve Wohlford; grandchildren (who were the center of her universe), Josh and Joe Wohlford, Lauren and Will Kelley; as well as grandpets, Stella, Louie, Stanley, and Edison. Her Catholic faith brought her peace and the security of knowing she would be reunited with all those she loved. Due to the current situation, there will be an abbreviated memorial service for the immediate family only. A true Celebration of her remarkable life will be held later this summer or fall as conditions and safety permit. Memorials to the MS Society preferred in lieu of flowers. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

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“ We are so sad to hear about the loss of Aunt Lorraine. We remember the good times we had while she and my mom, Arlene, were on vacation in Las Vegas. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone in the family.

Susan and Amanda Hester

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