



## Marlys Froelich 'Marty' Crouch

October 1, 2017

Crouch, Marlys Froelich "Marty" passed away suddenly, in the presence of immediate family, on October 1, 2017. She was born in Carrington, ND on June 30, 1939 to Paul and Esther Froelich, the fourth of their five children. She attended elementary school in Carrington and then moved to Dickinson, ND with her family where she completed high school. She attended the University of North Dakota where she was a member of Alpha Phi sorority. She graduated from UND with a Bachelor's Degree in Home Economics. After college, she came to Minnesota to participate in a one-year Dietetic Internship program at the University of Minnesota Hospitals. Shortly after arrival, she met William ("Bill") Crouch, a University of Minnesota student. They were married in 1962 and, at the time of her passing, were lifelong best friends and looking forward to celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary together. After completing her Dietetic Internship Program, Marty became a Registered Dietitian and joined the staff of Bethesda Hospital, in St Paul. She was employed there for four years, ultimately becoming Bethesda's Head Dietitian. Marty and Bill then moved to Southern California and lived there for 12 years. During that time their two children, Andrew and Sarah, were born. In 1979, the family relocated to Chappaqua, NY where they lived for the next 18 years. During that period, Marty became heavily involved with the Chappaqua School system, first as a volunteer at Roaring Brook Elementary School, then as an aide at Roaring Brook, administrative assistant in the Horace Greeley High School Science Department, and finally as the administrative assistant to

the guidance department at the Bell Middle School. She considered the guidance counselors to be her second family. At the same time, Marty kept a pleasant and welcoming home for her family, supported Bill in his extensive worldwide business travel by managing the household in his absence, and consistently encouraged her children to embrace new experiences to broaden their horizons. In 1997, Marty and Bill relocated to Houston, Texas. While residing in Houston, Marty participated in several volunteer activities, including assisting the Hurricane Katrina refugees coming there from Louisiana. After Bill's retirement, he and Marty became actively involved in collecting antiques, particularly American glassware and stoneware. Marty and Bill were long-time members of the Blue & White Pottery/Old Sleepy Eye Collectors Clubs. Their interest and enthusiasm for antiques and collecting was passed on to their children; attending estate sales and antique shows remains a shared pastime for the entire family. Marty and Bill subsequently moved back to Minnesota to be near family; and lived in Golden Valley for three years. They then moved back to Texas (Ft. Worth), again to be close to family, for four years. Earlier this year, they moved back to Golden Valley and were in the process of renovating and updating yet another home when Marty was suddenly taken ill several weeks ago. Marty's interests were broad and included cooking, gardening, sewing and knitting, opera, pizza, Sudoku, the show Hamilton, attending museums, and the Minnesota State Fair. She was an accomplished baker and for more than 50 years, she made certain that Bill was continuously provided with delicious homemade bread. Marty also enjoyed travel; she and Bill traveled frequently throughout the U.S., often to visit friends and family. She often said the best part of travel was being able to stay in bed in the mornings watching TV, while Bill went down to the hotel lobby to bring back coffee and the morning newspaper. She will be remembered for her kind and caring attitude, her graciousness, her zest for life, her big smile, her sparkling blue eyes and above all else, her love for her family. Marlys is survived by her husband Bill, son Andrew (Dawn) Crouch of Ft. Worth, daughter Sarah Crouch (Mic Johnson) of Golden Valley and granddaughter Jessa Rodriguez

of Orlando; as well as by her siblings Betty Engberg, Avis (Gerry) Brandvig, Don (Pat) Froelich, Debbie (Tracey) Walth and a special cousin, Kathy (Loren) Hamre; and also by her husband's siblings Jean (Don) McGiffin, Steve (Karen) Crouch and Linda (Steve) Sanek, as well as extended family members and friends. She was predeceased by her parents, by her brother-in-law, Dr. Roger Engberg, a niece, a grandniece and a grandnephew. As her final act of giving, she had requested that she be considered as an organ donor and those wishes were carried out. In lieu of flowers, memorials in her honor can be directed to the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis, the Minnesota Historical Society in St Paul or to the American Red Cross, designated for Hurricane Harvey Flood Relief. Services for Marlys will be held at Valley of Peace Lutheran Church, 4735 Bassett Creek Drive in Golden Valley, on Tuesday, October 17 at 11:00, with visitation at the church beginning one hour before. [washburn-mcreavy.com](http://washburn-mcreavy.com) Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church  
4735 Bassett Creek Drive  
Golden Valley, MN 55422

## Funeral Service

OCT 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *My heartfelt condolences to the Crouch family and friends during this painful time. May you find peace, comfort and hope in Gods promises to end death very soon. And to reunite us with our loved ones. John 5:28,29 and Revelation 21:3,4. I'm so very sorry for your loss.*

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