

Marian Monica Maggio DeWeerd

February 10, 1943 (Rockford, IL) December 28, 2022 (Rockford, IL)



Marian Monica Maggio DeWeerd, 79, passed away on December 28, 2022. Marian loved all things Christmas, including the second-generation famous Italian Christmas cookies and lasagna; she'll now enjoy a belated celebration in heaven.

Marian was born February 10, 1943, in Rockford, IL. To Lawrence and Katherine Maggio. She graduated with the 1961 class of West High School and attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. At West High School she was a cheerleader, May Queen, and Homecoming Queen. She and high school

sweetheart, Calvin Louis DeWeerd, were married for nearly 60 years.

Throughout their long marriage, Marian enjoyed nothing more than the family celebrations with her children Jeff (Stacey), Dan (Anna) and Amy (Jim) O'Toole and later with her eight grandchildren (Jack, Ben, Sam, Hank, Ellie, Mary Jane, Peter, and Kevin). She also cherished the memories of Maggio family gatherings, holidays, and annual Rock Cut State Park picnics with sister Angie (Maggio, late John) Perkey, brother Sam (Jeanne) late brother Jerry (Sherrie) along with many nieces and nephews. Marian and Cal cherished time along the riverfront, and dinner at Capri and Sinnissippi Gardens. She enjoyed Neil Diamond concerts and trips to Milwaukee to see brother-in-law Ken DeWeerd (Mary Bennett) and their sons.

For the past two years, dear friends Becky and Ed Erikson and beloved niece Jody and Juan Licon provided great support to Marian so she could remain in her home and enjoy the beautiful garden she and Cal loved so much. In addition to her love of family, Marian will be remembered as a "domestic diva" with a flair for the perfect accent pillow; a chef with a new Food Network recipe; and the ability to predict the season's newest color in the Talbots catalog. She also enjoyed sharing her fashion sense with her customers at Talbots, Bergner's, and Vera's.

Marian and Cal did everything together, so it is appropriate that a celebration of both of their lives will be held together on Thursday, January 5th from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Rockford's Julian-Poorman-Welte Funeral Home, 304 N. Fifth Street.

Reference:

[Obituary | Marian Monica DeWeerd of Rockford, Illinois | J.P. Welte Funeral Home](#)