

Marian Monica Maggio DeWeerd

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Marian Monica Maggio DeWeerd, 79, passed away in Rockford on December 28, 2022. Marian was born in Rockford on February 10, 1943, to Lawrence and Katherine Maggio. She graduated from West High School with the Class of 1961; at West High School she was a cheerleader, May Queen, and Homecoming Queen, and Home Room Secretary. She was a member of the Pep Club and the Girls Athletic Association. Marian also participated in the School musicals "Circus Daze" and "Happy Daze." She went on to attend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



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), Amy DeWeerd (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. In addition to her joy 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 loved all things Christmas, including the second-generation famous Italian Christmas cookies and lasagna and now she'll enjoy a belated celebration in Heaven.

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 garden she and Cal loved so much.

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



Reference:

[Obituary | Marian Monica DeWeerd of Rockford, Illinois | J.P. Welte Funeral Home](#)
[Warrior 1961](#) West High School Yearbook, Page 157