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Marilyn Louise Bonyata

Marilyn Louise Bonyata, of Genoa City, Wis., passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Sunday, January 7, 2018.

Devoted wife to her loving late husband Peter Bonyata and mother to Joseph (Barbara), Anthony (Nanette) and Philip (Mary). Grandmother to James (Casey), Allison, Peter, Michael (Janet), Jennifer (Peter Schoen), Alexandra, Isabella and Elijah. Great-grandmother to Mason, Jameson, Dominik, Tyler, Logan and Cameron. Marilyn is survived by her sister Helen Arnold, three sons, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



Marilyn was born in Grinnell, Iowa, to James Simpson and Grace [Halterman]. She owned and operated successful antique stores in both Wheeling and Richmond, Ill., for more than two decades throughout the '70s, '80s and early '90s. She was also a talented interior designer by trade, an astute accountant and avid shopper. Marilyn creatively employed her interior decorating skills to her many beautiful homes throughout her life, culminating with her and Peter's spectacular renovation of the Carter Opera House in Genoa City, Wis., where they resided. She also enjoyed a wee bit of gambling (including her nightly lottery crossword scratch-offs and raucous Yahtzee matches with her family), along with many family outings. Marilyn's beautiful spirit, generosity, loyalty, rich sense of humor and deep love of her family will be remembered and cherished by all that knew her.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, February 10, 2018, at Derrick Funeral Home, 800 Park Dr., Lake Geneva, Wis. Visitation will be from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.