



Anita E. Lemke

November 15, 1938 - March 10, 2025

Anita E. Lemke passed away on March 10, at the age of 86, at home with family by her side.

Anita was born on November 15, 1938, in Milwaukee, as the oldest daughter of Raymond and Irma Schmidt. She was preceded in death by her parents and two older brothers.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 63 years, Gerald "Jerry"; her sister, Margaret "Marge", and three children, Robert (Dawn) Lemke, Donna (Todd) Dory, and Karen (James) Royea. She was loving grandmother to six grandchildren John, Kristen, Connor, Kelly, Emily, and Matthew, who recall with fondness, weeks spent at the lake house in Eagle River for "Camp Lemke" and playing games at the kitchen table with grandma. Another favorite activity was catching fish and watching grandma expertly filet them.

Anita worked as an operating room nurse at Milwaukee County General Hospital (later Froedert Hospital) in Milwaukee for over 30 years. She spent many hours volunteering for the Girl Scouts and enjoyed camping trips most of all.

Anita was an avid cook and baker. Every trip to grandma's house would include the smell of freshly baked cookies and cakes in the morning. Each year at Christmas she would share both cookies and the recipes with her daughters to continue family traditions.

At Anita's request no memorial service is planned, but the family will gather for a private celebration of life.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Fond memories of my sister Nita*

When she was 16 or 17 we would walk 2 blocks to the drugstore and have “Green River” sodas. She kept the beautiful glasses they came in for her hope chest.

I was 7 or 8 and we had matching teddy bear and pink swimsuits.

One time when I was little I woke up from a bad nightmare and she sang “Somewhere Over the Rainbow” to me and I peacefully went back to sleep.

Nita took me to my first art show at Mount Mary College.

Watching “Christmas in Connecticut” when it was on TV and deciding the farm house deserved its own Oscar. Still my favorite holiday movie.

Laughing really hard over scrabble games.



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