



Marilyn Yelton

March 14, 1923 - July 9, 2011

Marilyn Patricia (Gano) Yelton, 88 years of age, lifelong resident of Minocqua, died peacefully at Seasons of Life Hospice House, Minocqua, WI, on Saturday, July 9, 2011.

Marilyn was born on March 14, 1923, to Clarence (Steve) and Ann (Maruska) Gano. Marilyn attended and graduated from Minocqua High School. She was very active in the high school band, sports, glee club, and girls' basketball. Throughout her life she would laugh and reflect on her years of great times and memories with her team. She also encouraged her grandchildren to play the game. That love of the "game" led her to Lacrosse State Teachers College in 1941 to major in Physical Education.

Marilyn was exceptionally talented playing the piano, French horn and accordion. Her love, talent and ambition for music offered her the opportunity to join an orchestra that toured the country and performed for USO clubs during World War II. In 1945 she returned to Minocqua and met and married Daniel Yelton.

Marilyn and Dan owned and operated Little Minocqua Resort, from 1947 until 1972. The resort was previously owned by Marilyn's parents, Clarence and Ann Gano.

Once retired, Marilyn's activities and fun in life was duplicate bridge, women's club bridge, Tournament Bridge, Ha-Ha club bridge, on call bridge (if the bridge call came in, the apron came off and she was out the door.) She taught her husband to play and they partnered for over 40 years at the bridge tables.

Marilyn also enjoyed summer golf. She was a member of Minocqua Country Club. As soon as Dan left for work, she was on her golf cart to the course to meet her other hacker friends for a fun day of golfing.

Marilyn was past president of the American Legion Auxiliary in Minocqua and an active member for over 60 years, belonged to the Minocqua Women's Club, was a volunteer for the Minocqua Museum, rang the bell for the Salvation Army, marched in parades carrying the American Flag, and hosted and organized many social events to benefit the community.

Marilyn was a beautiful kind woman with a very giving heart and it was her nature to care and do for others in any way she could be helpful. Her generosity held no boundaries. She will be so very missed by her family and friends.

Marilyn is survived by her four daughters, Sandra (Gale Shinkan) of Minocqua, Pamela Kelk (Don Moore) of Lac du Flambeau, Cassie (Rick Janecke) of Wales, WI and Patricia Richardson (Russ Herrick) of Minocqua; 10 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Daniel Yelton. A memorial service will be held on July 13, 10:30 am, at Bolger Funeral Home-Minocqua Chapel. A luncheon will immediately follow at the American Legion Hall in Minocqua.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Seasons of Life Hospice House and/or Senior Past Times Club, Minocqua.

Tribute Wall

LM

“ Miller and I loved the stories Sandy told us of her Mom and Dad. Her voice always oozed with love when she talked about them. We eventually met Marilyn a couple of years ago. It was great to finally meet her. She was everything Sandy said and more. Miller especially enjoyed a lively conversation with her over a special sloppy joe lunch Sandy had prepared for us with a secret catsup recipe. Miller got Marilyn to tell stories even Sandy hadn't heard in awhile, it was awesome. We remember Marilyn worrying about Sandy's doctor appointment while Sandy was trying to figure out Marilyn's medication for the day. They really cared about each other. It was beautiful to watch. If there is anything Miller and I can do let us know. I'm unemployed and Miller is retired, we are available.

Lovey and Miller - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

CW

“ SO LONG MARYLYN - ITS BEEN GOOD TO KNOW YOU.
THERE SHOULD BE A FOURTH FOR BRIDGE UP THERE

CHARLES WICKMAN - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

GY

“ *Marilyn was one wonderful, fun and loving woman. I'm sad she's gone, but happy for her that she is where she wants to be...reunited with Dan and her Lord. I know Jan was there also to welcome her home. Marilyn did what we all hope to do, and that is to leave all of us with wonderful memories and knowing that we we made a difference in this world. She did just that.*

The last time I spoke to her was on her birthday in March. She knew who I was and she was so happy at Past Time Club, sharing her birthday cake with everyone.

We will always treasure our memories of her and Dan and all you girls.

Gail Yelton - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

PV

“ *My condolences to all the Yelton family. marilyn was a great lady and will surely be missed.*

Phyliss Vukelich - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

JC

“ *I have missed seeing Marilyn at Past Time. Loved her sense of humor, memory sharing of local history and music....*

Jill Cullen - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM