

Marlene C. Matousek, “Peaches” — a patron of the arts, resident of Park Ridge, Illinois and part-time resident of Sister Bay, WI. — died on May 13, 2020 at the age of 80.

Peaches is survived by her husband; Jim Matousek; her children, David (Mary Jo), Paul (Christine), and Jody (Chris); She was the beloved grandmother to Joe, Kayleigh, and Jimmy. She was a loving sister to Darryl Capparelli (Amorette) and aunt to Frank and Gia. She is predeceased by her son, Stevie, her father Frank and her mother, Ruth.

Peaches was born in Chicago on January 9, 1940. She graduated from Loyola University, Chicago in 1961 with a degree in Social Work. She met Jim on the L while he was eating candy corn. They became best friends and fell in love. They have been married 57 ½ years.

After the birth of her first son David in 1966 she devoted her life to raising her children and grandchildren.

She was intellectually curious and always had an interest in expanding her knowledge, which caused her to attend University of Chicago to earn an additional 3 certificates in Humanities, Great Books and Asian studies.

Peaches was devoted to her Catholic faith, she attended the Adoration Chapel weekly as well as mass on Sunday. She never lied — not even to her children’s school attendance offices — and loved to “follow the rules.”

A world traveler, Peaches visited Europe in college with her friends who remained close throughout their lives. Her adventurous spirit continued all the way through 2018 when she went white water rafting in Alaska.

Peaches loved to visit her summer home Door County where you could find her sitting on the back porch reading classical novels or seeing shows at the Peninsula Players with her annual subscription. You could always catch her at sunset with a Wilson’s ice cream cone in Eagle Harbor, but only once a day (according to Joe’s Door County rules). She loved to be on the water and accompany Jim fishing even though she never put a pole in the water.

She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who knew her.

A funeral service is scheduled for July, date to be determined. In lieu of flowers donations and condolences may be offered at Peninsula Players, her favorite outdoor theater in Door County, or Individual Advocacy Group, the agency that took care of her late son Stevie.

