



Lois Marie Keierleber

October 19, 1948 - August 7, 2012

Lois Marie Keierleber passed away August 7, 2012 at 7:40 a.m. of natural causes. She was born on October 19, 1948 in Brookings, SD; the daughter of Leslie and Marjorie (Hay) Maseman. She worked in the accounting department of Rockford First Assembly, Bank of America and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois until she had to retire because of her health. Completing a lifelong dream, she graduated from Rock Valley College in May 2000, with Honors, obtaining An Associate Degree in Art. She was preceded in death by her parents and two sons. She is survived by her brothers; Warren (Karen) Maseman of Rockford, LaVerne (Barb) Maseman of Loves Park; sister, Gloria Walz of Sycamore; many nieces, nephews, great-nephews and great nieces. Private Family Services. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services assisted the family with arrangements. Memorials may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in her name. To share a memory or condolence online visit, www.graceFH.com

Tribute Wall

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“ Dearest Family and Friends of Lois,

As I revisit the endearing friendships many of us shared through our First Presbyterian Church membership, my heart warms at the thought of spending time with gentle soft spoken Lois. During coffee hour we often shared news of family and personal events inspiring our lives. She and I shared an appreciation (and college degree) for the arts. Lois participated in arranging beautiful table settings for our Women's Ministry Committee annual church "Daughter Banquet" among many other dear ladies. She enjoyed our occasional craft and lunch "Brown-Bag-Studio" as we shared fellowship, lunch and artistic talents to serve the church. Lois very much enjoyed participating in various arts, holiday decorating, baking and craft events at the church and the nursing home. I still have some of those craft pieces we fashioned together uniting many church ladies at First Presbyterian years ago.

The lovely photo above we see of Lois was taken for the church directory. We deftly engineered a photo finish wardrobe ahead of time with a little help from our friends. I played the role of her personal shopper. I helped her pop in pearl earrings and add a splash of lipstick to enhance her inner beauty. We scoured friends closets to find just the right coordinating shoes to match. . . they were a tight fit. I recall the day I delivered her photo to her at the home. She was very proud of her lovely photo, as was I. Lois was every bit as sweet as her portrait and always had a bright warm smile for a friend. I am honored to have known gentle Lois and will fondly remember her among all beautiful mothers and daughters of our church and community. Her lipstick autograph remains one of 100 within my painting "Psalm of Pipes and Drum" begun during our "Daughter Banquet" in 2004. There is a standing invitation to view this at any time in the future if family and friends wish to visit our humble home gallery.

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