

Mardelle Kathryn Quest

April 20, 1928 - Aug 15, 2011

MONROE / SUN PRAIRIE - Mardelle Kathryn (Freitag) Quest, affectionately known as Marty, age 83, passed away peacefully at her daughter's home in Sun Prairie, on Monday, Aug 15, 2011, after a short and courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Marty was born on April 20, 1928, in Monroe, the daughter of Terrance and Freída (Luchsinger) Freitag. She grew up in and around Green County, where her parents farmed and was a 1946 graduate of New Glarus High School. After graduation, her love of adventure took her to Madison, for a short time and then west to Cut Bank and Billings, Montana. It was in Montana where she met Loren "Lonnie" Everett Quest, whom she married in 1953. After returning to New Glarus, and the birth of their child, they divorced in 1961. Marty and Terrie moved to Monroe in 1961 and she raised Terri on her own as a single parent. She was a strong and smart woman with a great sense of humor, ahead of her time in many ways. It was her attention to detail and strong organizational skills that landed her a job at the Monroe Clinic. Marty loved Monroe, and was a life-long resident. She was always an outdoor enthusiast and had many hobbies and interests which included reading, drawing, bird watching, playing and golf, fishing, gardening, travel and playing cards. She was a great cook and so enjoyed entertaining family and friends. After a long and fulfilling career at the Monroe Clinic, she retired in 1990, as an administrative assistant for accounting and statistics after more than 28 years of service. During retirement, she enjoyed traveling around the state with friends on golf outings, visiting family, learning the game of bridge and playing often with her friends. She remained active up until her illness.

Marty is survived by her daughter, Terri (Mike) Gill of Sun Prairie; granddaughter, Carrie (Pat) Mess of Watertown; sister, Carolyn McNary of Dayton, Wash, brother Alan (Jean) Freitag of Verona, sister-in-law, Molly Freitag, of Belleville; several cousins; many nieces and nephews; great-nieces and great nephews, and dear friends. Marty was preceded in death by her parents, Terrance and Freída, brother, Harold Freitag; and brother-in-law, William McNary,

Mom, we will miss your laughter, wisdom, companionship, and mere presence. You will remain in our hearts always and we take comfort drawing on our memories of you.

NOTE: Interred in Highland cemetery, Monticello.

