

Stearns, Janice M.

JANESVILLE - Janice M. Stearns, age 76, a longtime Janesville resident, passed away early Thursday morning, March 26, 2015, at Aster Retirement Assisted Living in Monroe, Wis., where she has resided the past three months. She was born on April 7, 1938, in Madison, Wis., the daughter of the late Arthur and Eunice (Disch) Escher. She graduated from Monticello High School, class of 1956. She then attended school at the Spencerian Business College in Milwaukee.

On Aug. 22, 1959, she married Thomas E. Stearns at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Janesville. He preceded her in death on July 19, 1993.

She worked for many years as a trust account executive supervisor for First National Bank, and later with Marine First National. She later retired after working as a secretary/account clerk for Village Furniture Co.

Jan will be remembered and missed by many for her wonderful attitude and humor. She had her opinions, but she also was a very non-judgemental person who accepted everyone for who they were! She loved travelling, and had visited numerous countries during her adventures. Jan was a most devoted wife, mom, grandma, and great-grandma, who took great pride in her family. She wore many hats while raising her children, and was known in the neighborhood as "Dr. Jan", as she was the person most everybody called on when sick or hurt!

She is survived by her four children, Theresa (Kris) Wild of Winslow, Ill., Cheryl (Randy) Strasser of Lodi, Wis., Scott (Tim Cirrintino) Stearns of Los Angeles, Calif., and Phil (Cindi) Stearns of Janesville; her sister, Joanne (Tom) Marty of Tomahawk, Wis.; her 11 beloved grandchildren; and her seven dear great-grandchildren, with another great-grandchild due in May; and by many nieces, nephews, and dear friends. She was preceded in death by her husband and parents.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 30, 2015, at the WHITCOMB-LYNCH FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, Janesville. Visitation will take place from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday, or from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials in Jan's name may be made to St. Jude Hospice, 6401 Odana Road, Suite 24, Madison, WI 53719, www.saintjudehospice.org; the Monroe Manor Nursing Home, 516 26th Ave., Monroe, WI 53566; or to Angelus Retirement Community of Monroe, 616 8th Ave., Ofc. 100, Monroe, WI 53566.

