



Jo-Lynn Swedo

April 11, 1920 - August 13, 2015

Jo-Lynn Pagoria Swedo was born on April 11, 1920 in Chicago Heights, Illinois to loving parents, Peter and Margaret Pagoria. She was the fifth of nine children.

After World War II, while studying in college, she met her husband of 66 years, Eugene. They were married in 1948 and had three children. Jo-Lynn is survived by her husband, three children, 10 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Jo-Lynn was a deeply religious and spiritual person. Her family was always the central focus of her life. This included both her own children, as well as her nieces and nephews. Besides being a devoted wife and an incredible mother, she was an inspirational grandmother and great-grandmother. Jo-Lynn had a special outgoing personality, and for anybody who had 10 seconds to get to know her, they thought that they had made a new friend. She had that special effect on people. She knew how to spread joy and happiness to others. Some described her as the eternal optimist.

Her interests ranged from arts and crafts to sports. Jo-Lynn had a talent for painting, and she enjoyed sewing, crocheting, and knitting. One of her more interesting hobbies was to construct doll houses and miniature furniture.

Earlier in her working career, Jo-Lynn worked for the Chicago Tribune. Later, she became a nursery school teacher. Her favorite job of all time was as a window dresser.

As she approached middle age, Jo-Lynn took up an interest in sports. Initially, it started with becoming an avid Chicago Cubs fan. Later, she spread her interest to the Chicago Bears. Thirty years later, she was still talking about the 1985 Bears and their victory in the 1986 Super Bowl.

Jo-Lynn was the consummate card shark. There was never a gathering at the Swedo household without a deck of cards being brought out along with a challenge for hearts, spades, or ginrummy.

Jo-Lynn had a zeal and passion for life that was unique. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

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