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She had spunk and smarts, wit and warmth. And she was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and loyal friend.

Joyce Schiffer Olson, 95-but she insisted she was only 94-was born April 1, 1924 in Detroit to Lillian and Alfred Schiffer. She was always amused by her birthday falling on April Fool's Day because it suited her mischievous bent. She graduated from Mackenzie High School in Detroit, then from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where she met Donald Nels Olson. In 1948 they were married at First Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor. They enjoyed 62 years of marriage until Don's passing in 2011.

Don's work with General Motors took the family from Detroit to New York City, Belgium, England and Germany. Joyce delighted in the experiences of living in each of those places, which held wonderful memories of friends and adventures.

She enjoyed reading, politics and news, bridge, the English language, jokes (especially puns), dining out, and time with family and friends.

Joyce is survived by sons Gary (Cristina) of River Edge, New Jersey, Chris (Debbie) of Traverse City; grandsons Andrew (Lindsay), Jamie, Daniel (Danielle), Jeffrey and Timothy; and great grandchildren Bethany and Elliot. A private memorial service with family members will take place in Traverse City. Memorial donations can be made to Munson Medical Center Foundation.

With joy we remember Joyce's generosity, devotion to family and friends, sly sense of humor, gratitude for the blessings of her life, and her impish smile. Her spirit lives on!

Comments



“ I worked with Joyce when we volunteered at the Laundry Project on the Thursday mornings. The LP is held at a local laundromat where families come and volunteers feed quarters into the machines so our guests can do their laundry free of charge. At times, when all machines are filled and people are waiting, there can be a bit of verbal jostling for who gets the next dryer. Joyce had a gentle, no nonsense approach, and yet such a keen sense of humor that she was a favorite among volunteers and guests alike as she quickly and quietly settled issues. I missed her when she moved out of the area. I will remember her with great fondness.

Ruthanne Kladder - August 10, 2019 at 08:38 AM



“ I met Joyce when she attended the Current & Ethical Issues discussion group at the Senior Center in TC. We enjoyed her occasional commentary and insights very much, and when she spoke, we listened.
It was sad to say goodbye when she moved away. I still remember her admitting the obvious (but often left unsaid) reality that we would very likely never see each other again, and then she just looked at me and smiled. It was such an honest thing to say and I'll never forget it. Lovely woman.

Deni Scrudato - July 28, 2019 at 10:15 AM