



Lila A. Cotten

January 26, 1926 - June 22, 2020

Lila A. Cotten of Estero, FL and former resident of St. Paul, MN passed away peacefully of natural causes on June, 22, 2020 in Bonita Springs, FL.

Lila was born January 13, 1926, in Mariaville, NE, the oldest of seven children. She attended college in Kearney and moved from the Nebraska sandhills to Denver with her girlfriends. After WWII, she married her high school sweetheart, Robert Cotten. Together they moved to St. Paul, MN where they raised six children. While in St. Paul, she was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish and the Ladies Guild Philanthropic Group. Lila was a gentle, kind, and generous woman with a knack for style. In her younger years, Lila enjoyed square dancing, bowling, celebrating St. Patrick's Day downtown with her friends, vacationing with other couples, and always welcoming the opportunity to meet new friends. Mom looked forward to hosting family game nights where she would gather as many of her children and grandchildren as possible. She always maintained a young attitude, even taking Pilate classes into her 90's. Lila enjoyed welcoming many friends and family to her Florida home through the years. Lila and her husband were an inspiration to all and their love for one another was apparent, especially when gliding across the dance floor.

Lila is survived by her five children, Carolyn and husband John, Robert "Jim" and wife Jan, Kenneth "Ken", Shirley and Lola; three sisters Lucille, Donna and Marianne; 10 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Lila was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 59 yrs, Robert L.

Cotten, son Gerald, sister Carol, and two brothers, Michael and Frank. A private family Mass was celebrated on July 20, 2020 in St. Paul. Lila was laid to rest beside her husband and son at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, MN. A celebration of Life will be held at a later date due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Mom, we miss you but you will always be in our hearts. We find peace and joy knowing that you are dancing again with dad for all eternity.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Lila's name to the following organization: Guild Services, C/O George Broostin, 130 Wabasha St. S. #90, St. Paul, MN 55107. To sign her guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Minneapolis, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lila A. Cotten*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *It was always a pleasure when I could spend time with Lila. I would take her to get her hair done. Then we went to the grocery store and went back to her house for some lunch. We talked a lot about her wonderful family and I even got to meet some of them when they visited her in Florida. She was a joy to be around. I will really miss her*❤️

kathie lewis - November 13, 2020 at 07:36 PM



“ *Dear Cotten family, my deepest sympathy on the loss of your mom. It was a pleasure knowing Lila, she truly was a classy sweet lady with a gentle spirit. I have many fond memories of Bob and Lila and my parents back in their square dancing days. May you find some peace in knowing that your parents are together. Prayers for healing to all of you.*
Kris Koesling

Kristine Koesling - July 29, 2020 at 10:53 AM

HF

“ Dear Lila family: I have had a long term friendship with both Bob and Lila for many years. So it's sad when that friendship is over. But I will continue to have good memories of the times we got together. I live in Green Valley, AZ. Many years ago, Lila and Bob flew here for a visit. My wife Mary and I showed them the many beautiful sights in So.AZ.They loved it. So again, I'm sorry for your loss,but don't lose the good memories.Herb Furth

Herbert J. Furth - July 28, 2020 at 05:25 PM

KH

“ Lola,
I just read about your mom in the paper. I'm sorry to hear about your loss. I hope you are happy and healthy these days.
Ken Hoffmann
Regina 1976-82
ken.hoffmann@juno.com

ken hoffmann - July 27, 2020 at 10:22 AM