

Lois Burton Gerding of Newtown, Pa. died peacefully Friday, Aug. 16, 2013, surrounded by her family at Wynwood of Northampton Manor, Richboro. She was 83.

She was the beloved wife of the late William Richard Gerding for 59 years.

Born in Philadelphia, she was the daughter of the late Euclid O. and Vera C. Robinson Burton.

Lois was a resident of Newtown since 1981, having formally lived in Abington. She graduated from Abington High School, Class of 1947 and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Fine Arts from Moore College of Art.

After working as a fabric designer in New York City, Lois married and was a devoted mother who spent her time raising her family. She kept them and herself actively engaged in school and community activities. She taught art classes, worked with the Boy and Girl Scout programs, was a volunteer librarian, and PTO member.

During the summer, Lois enjoyed spending vacation with her family at their camp on Lake Champlain, N.Y., where she boated, fished, water skied, and swam.

She was an active member of the Abington Music Theatre, where she sang, danced, acted, designed sets and costumes. Lois was a true artist in all aspects; she enjoyed painting, pen and ink drawing, interior design, and being a seamstress. She served as art director and v.p. for the Gerding Corporation of Ivyland, founded by Richard Gerding. They manufactured intricate plaques, awards and special signage for the industry. She retired in 2003.

Lois is survived by her devoted children and their spouses, Lisa G. Puchalski and her husband, David of Upper Dublin, Scot B. Gerding and his wife, Ruth of Riegelsville, Todd A. Gerding and his wife, Charlotte of Richboro, Pa., and Jodi G. Hecht and her husband, Steven of Harleysville. Lois was the proud Nana of 16 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Lois was proud of everyone's endeavors - no matter how big or how small. She will be remembered for her loving heart, gentle spirit and beautiful soul.

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Relatives and friends are invited to gather on Wednesday, Aug. 28, from 1 p.m. until her funeral service at 1:45 p.m. in the Joseph A. Fluehr III Funeral Home, 800 Newtown-Richboro Road (at Holland Road) Richboro, PA 18954. Interment will be held promptly at 3 p.m. in Washington Crossing National Cemetery, Newtown.

Lois was a lover of all animals. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to SPCA of Bucks County, P.O. Box 277, Lahaska, PA18931. www.fluehr.com

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