



Marilyn Gertrude King Dawson

June 5, 1927 - February 8, 2025

ASHEVILLE - In Loving Memory of Marilyn Gertrude King Dawson (1927–2025) The sweetest gifts come in small packages – and Marilyn Dawson, known as “Lyn” to everyone who knew and loved her, was a shining example of a beautiful, caring soul wrapped in a petite 5’2’ frame. She lived her life with the windows open, especially on gorgeous Asheville days, enjoying her roses. Lyn had a way of making everyone feel at home—her laugh could fill a room; her embrace could stop time.

Born in California on June 5, 1927, to Burton and Marian King, Lyn grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area where she relished living close to the university campuses where her father worked, delighted in lively soirées hosted by her parents, was a diligent student and proud member of Girl Scouts of America. In 1944, she attended Cornell University where she met the love of her life, football Hall of Famer, Norman Dawson Jr. She graduated with a bachelor’s degree from the Cornell College of Home Economics in 1948. Later that year on October 17th, she married Norm in her home state of California where Lyn radiated with happiness in her wedding dress that she always reminded people was “borrowed from a friend and fit like a glove”.

Lyn was a devoted Christian, a kindhearted kindergarten teacher, a loving mother, an adoring wife, a Girl Scout Troop leader, a kindred spirit to many, and an avid volunteer. She especially loved serving as a Docent at the

Asheville Museum of Art for over 20 years. One of her proudest accomplishments and passions in life was painting as an artist. But her greatest joy was her family. She is preceded in death by her husband of 73 years, Norm, and her sister, Barbara McGrane. Her light is carried on by her brother, David King; Lyn's three children, Thomas Crowe Dawson, Dianne Dawson Sorensen, and David Arnold Dawson; her five grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren who thought the sun rose and set with their Grandma Lyn.

Lyn's family invites you to a celebration of her life on Saturday, February 22nd, 2025 with a Memorial Service beginning at two o'clock in the afternoon, followed by a reception at the St. Giles Chapel at Deerfield on 1617 Hendersonville Road, Asheville, NC, 28803. If you'd like to send flowers in Lyn's memory, please send them to St. Giles Chapel.

Morris Funeral & Cremation Care is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent through the website www.morrisfamilycare.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 22. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Giles Chapel of Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community
1617 Hendersonville Road
Asheville, NC 28803
<http://www.deerfieldwnc.org/st-giles-chapel>

Reception following the memorial service at St. Giles

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