

# OBITUARIES

## Lois Marilyn Welch Germanton

Lois Marilyn Petersen Welch, 93, passed away peacefully at her home in Germanton, NC, on September 23, 2024. Born in Milwaukee, WI, on December 22, 1930, the only child of Rudolph and Evelyn Petersen. Lois led a life of love, adventure, and resilience.

Her love for horses began at an early age, teaching riding lessons, competing in countless dressage, and jumping events throughout grade school and high school, eventually brought her to the University of Kentucky, where she met her future husband, Murray M. Welch III. A proud graduate of the University of Kentucky, she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Bacteriology in 1953.

After graduation, Lois worked as a medical laboratory technician for a brief time, before embarking on a new career as an Army wife which led her on a journey through various Army postings, including Oklahoma, Alabama, North Carolina, Nebraska, and Germany before eventually settling in Kentucky.

In 1965, Lois and her family embraced farm life in Richmond, KY., she was deeply involved in the family farm, where she helped raise burley tobacco and Hereford cattle. One notable incident saw Lois knocked over by a 1,600-pound bull while herding cattle, yet she simply picked up her broken glasses and carried on. Through her hard work on the farm, she taught her children the values of family, diligence, and community responsibility. She was a devoted mother who was always at her children's events, encouraging them in music, sports, and academics. In addition to her family and farm responsibilities she was office manager and bookkeeper at Tresler Comet truck stop (currently Love's) in Richmond for more than 20 years.

Having lived several years in Germany sparked Lois's passion for international travel, which became a defining feature of her life. Over the years, Lois traveled to all seven continents and more than 135 countries, completing her most recent adventure to Africa at the age of 93. Her sharp mind never waned, and she took



great joy in recounting her experiences and painting scenes from her many travels.

In addition to her love of travel and art, she was a passionate collector, filling the home with German beer steins, Roseville pottery, other antiques, and mementos from her global adventures. Antiquing and peering into local family reunion past time.

Lois was an avid puzzle enthusiast, always having a 1,000-piece jigsaw puzzle in progress. She enjoyed daily crosswords, jumbles, sudoku, and was a devoted reader, consuming hundreds of books each year. To keep her mind active and stay engaged in the community after retirement, Lois volunteered at the Madison County Public Library for 20 years starting in 1991.

Lois was preceded in death by her husband, Murray M. Welch III (2008), and her grandson, Murray M. Welch V (2018). She is survived by her three children, Murray M. Welch IV (Gail), and Jennifer W. Moser (Craig); her grandchildren, Kristin Welch, Heidi Thompson, Bradford Wright, Andrew Welch, Matthew Welch, Morgan Welch, Matt Moser, Heather Moser, Cameron Moser, and Ian Moser; and her great-grandchildren, Michaela Torres, Brendon Torres, Colin Torres, Remy Thompson, Naomi Moser, Max Moser, and Solomon Easterday.

Lois will be deeply missed by her friends and family. A graveside service celebrating her remarkable life will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, October 4, 2024, at Richmond Cemetery, 606 E Main St, Richmond, KY.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made in Lois's honor to the Madison County Public Library, Attn: Lois Welch, 507 W Main St, Richmond, KY (www.madisonlibrary.org/lois), or the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour, 2323 Lexington Road, Richmond, KY (https://engage.suran.com/episcos/s/give/new-gift?slug=giving-funds).

Oldham, Roberts & Powell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Condolences may be made at <http://orpfh.com>

## Republican's request for Pulaski school employees' communications too broad, says Kentucky AG

By McKenna Horsley  
Kentucky Lantern

Kentucky Attorney General Russell Coleman's office has denied a Republican political strategist's open records request and sided with Pulaski County Schools regarding communications about a proposed constitutional amendment that could affect school funding.

In the decision issued Friday, the attorney general's office said the school district did not violate the state's Open

Records Act when it "denied the request as unreasonably burdensome" according to state law. Blake Gober, a GOP political strategist, had submitted a request for internal and external communications between school district board members and staff with references to "Education Opportunities Constitutional Amendment (Ballot Question 2)"; "Amendment 2"; "Question 2"; "Yes on 2" or "No on 2."



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