

Moose Lake News by Jim Onarheim

On Oct 12th Moose Lake & Round Lake Township will lose a most remarkable & thoughtful person that I have ever met. Marilyn Karns will be moving back close to where her family living. King William Virginia is the town she will be close to, which is 40 miles from Williams Burg Virginia. She is buying a beautiful home from her brother and sister in-law, which is located on the Mattaponi River. It should be a beautiful area to live. She told me that she will be within 2 hours of her brothers, sisters, nieces, and nephews.

Marilyn grew up out East. She attended the University of Mary Washington located in Fredericksburg Virginia before moving to Wisconsin. Her late husband Gary grew up just south of Menomonie Wisconsin in a little town called Downsville. He started attending the University of Wisconsin Stout in Menomonie. He then transferred to UW Madison where he graduated from.

Marilyn and Gary both ended up working in Madison where they worked for the same company. Gary worked as a Controller and Marilyn in Data Processing when they met. After dating they decided to get married in 1978. One year later they purchased a cabin on Moose Lake for their 1st anniversary, which was in 1979.

In 1991 they both retired and moved to Moose Lake permanently. Between 1994 and 1996 they remodeled their cabin and added an addition on to it. A few years later they ended up building new home onto or basically around the one she is living in now. Marilyn told me that Gary never did things the easy way.

Marilyn and he husband Gary both joined the Round Lake Fire Dept and both became First Responders about the same time they met Ethel and Ray Richter. All four of them were members of the Fire Department. Besides being members of the Fire Department, Ethel was an EMT and Marilyn and Gary First Responders. Marilyn said, that "Gary would always drive them to the scene because most the calls came at night, when she was tired and was supposed to be in bed."

Marilyn also was President of the Fire Department Auxiliary from 1996 to this past October 12 when she stepped down. Other things that she was involved in was Chairperson for the Moose Lake Festival from 1996 to 2011. In 2012 she still stayed involved with the Festival but in the capacity as an assistant to the chairperson. We will miss her wealth of knowledge pertaining to the Festival. She always knew what had to be done and what had to go where.

Marilyn's husband Gary died while he was in office 2012 as our Town Chairman of the Town of Round Lake. He spent 3 years as Supervisor, before being Town Chairman. After Gary's death Marilyn felt that she wanted to be involved in town government also. She got on the board the same time that Dave Sanders took over a Chairman, 2013. She is still on the board to this day but will resign at the October Board meeting.

Marilyn also has been a substitute teacher many years. She taught for the Winter and Hayward School District. She just completed her last year of teaching this past school year in June of 2020. She told me that she will really miss the kids.

Marilyn said that she has sold her home on Moose and is expected to close on Oct 12th. She then will leave for her new home in Virginia. Marilyn also said, this it is bittersweet. It is hard to leave Moose Lake and all the people, but I am looking forward to being close to my family again.

You will be missed Marilyn. Even though you will be leaving many good friends back here in Moose Lake & losing contact with many of these people, one thing that you will never lose is all the good memories that you have of this area. Our thoughts and prayers will always be with you. Stay Safe in your travels, You, will be missed, & we all will be thinking of you.

NOTICE: Dave and Snook Sanders will be hosting a party for Marilyn Karns at Louie's as she is heading to her new home in Virginia where her family is located. The party will be at Louie's Landing on Sunday October 4th from 2 to 5 pm. Everyone is welcome to stop in for a little snack and wish Marilyn good luck on her trip back to Virginia. She will be missed on Moose Lake.

The Round Lake Fire Department, Sawyer county Ambulances have been extremely busy this past month with ATV & motorcycle accidents. Some of our patients have not been fortunate, because they have lost their life. Many have sustained severe injuries. Please be careful on our ATV trails. The best advice is slow down. Trail 8 is in extremely bad condition.

Get ready to take your boats and pontoons off your lifts Moose Lakers. I know that most of us can leave our docks in all year round, so that is one less worry. Our Dam Keeper Frank Leuschen will start to lower Moose Lake around October 17th.

In my March 30th M.L. News, I wrote the following. Over the years I will always remember what my grandfather always told me. Approximately 6 months from the first spring thunderstorm we would have our first frost of the fall. March 28 we had a lightning strike in Hayward. If this holds true this year, that will mean September 28th should be our first hard frost. We came close to a hard frost the last couple of weeks, but my flowers are still doing fine.

Birthday Greetings this week are extended to, Tom Koehler & Veva Henkel both on the 26th. Ray Whaley & Ruth Briggs both on the 27th & Kayla Fullington & Megan Steinmetz have birthdays on the 28th.

There is no anniversary's this week.

That is, it for this week. Please send your articles of interest to jonarheim@centurytel.net or call me at 715-462-4448. Stay Safe everyone. Jim Onarheim