

# Elizabeth Marianne Ploger

January 24, 1934 - October 11, 2019

Elizabeth Marianne Ploger was born on January 24, 1934 at St. Mary's hospital in Hoboken, New Jersey. She was the only child of Elsa and Walter Ploger and was raised in Jersey City, N.J. Liz and her parents spoke only German in the house. She learned to speak English in elementary school. Liz was an excellent student attending PS 27 (skipping two grades) and Dickinson High School where she graduated in June 1950 at age 16.

In May 1953, Liz and her parents made a three month journey to Europe leaving New York City aboard the Queen Elizabeth to Cherbourg, France. They traveled throughout Europe. This trip developed a life-long love of travel that Liz and her parents enjoyed throughout their lives.

Liz worked for Lowe's Inc/MGM in New York City for seven years and jumped at the chance to move to Los Angeles when an in-house opportunity to transfer came up. She and her parents made the move to LA in 1957, purchasing a small home on Weddington Street in Sherman Oaks that Liz lived in until she developed the illness that would take her from us.

She thrived in LA, and while continuing to work for Lowe's/MGM she attended Los Angeles City College for two years, majoring in journalism.

In 1971, Liz moved to Switzerland for a year. During her time in Lausanne, she traveled to England, Norway, Italy, Germany, and many points in between.

After moving back to Los Angeles, Liz worked for the Elizabeth Taylor Diamond Company as well as Lion Country Safari. In 1987, she took a position with The Walt Disney Company at their studios in Burbank. Assigned to the publicity department, she worked with studio executives as well as many producers, directors and actors. She was known for her meticulous record keeping, *impressive rolodex*, organizational skills and her ability to form and maintain personal relationships. Over the years, Liz came to know and worked with many high-level industry people including Rod Taylor, Robert Stack, Yul Bruner, Bridget Hanley, James Garner, and Robert Redford, to name a few. Liz retired from Disney in 1999, at age 65.

While Liz never married, she did know great love in her life and treasured her relationships with her many friends and family members. She loved films, classical music, opera, theatre, golf, swimming, reading, and of course, traveling.

A life-long Christian, Liz attended Sherman Oaks Lutheran Church for decades where she was an active and generous member of the church and the Mary and Martha Guild, a church-sponsored charitable organization.

For those of us who knew and loved her, she will live in our hearts and minds for as long as we live.