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Marlys Taege Moberg Celebrates in Heaven

Mentor, friend, encourager, author, missionary, speaker, leader — those who knew Marlys Taege Moberg were blessed through her numerous God-given gifts and talents. Marlys passed into the arms of Jesus on March 18, 2020.

Marlys contributed a lifetime of devoted service to the Lord in dozens of organizations, especially through her work in the LWML. For 11 years, she served as the editor-in-chief of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* and then as its Bible study editor for another four years. She was the LWML's very first public relations director and served as president of the LWML South Wisconsin District. Marlys authored several LWML books, two on the organization's history (*Women IN God's Service (WINGS)* and *Women In League With the Lord*), plus two mission grant books (*God Gave the Increase* and *Wherever God Sends Us*), as well as dozens of devotions, articles, and Bible studies.

An early advocate of inclusiveness in ethnicity and age, Marlys, during her term as president of her LWML district, inspired the establishment of the very first Hmong LWML local group and provided opportunities for young women to serve. Marlys said she often prayed for the Lord to use her, because being free in Christ meant she was free to serve, as Jesus' righteousness covered her sins.

While her list of accomplishments is long (click <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/jsonline/obituary.aspx?n=marlys-taege-moberg&pid=195754164&fhid=6811> to read her obituary), several personality traits stood out. She had insight to recognize talents in women as they served the Lord, gently teaching and mentoring them. Marlys encouraged all who worked with her, taking time to listen and expressing confidence in their abilities to lead. She inspired co-workers to do their best and to serve the Lord with gladness, often cheerfully saying "nifty!" when a job was well done.

One way to honor the memory of a loved one is to take their best qualities and incorporate them into your own life. So Marlys, we will miss you, but it's "nifty" that you are now living with Jesus. With God's help, we will do our best to exhibit your missionary-heart qualities of kindness and encouragement in our own lives. Rest in peace.

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