



Alice Briskin Sholler

April 9, 2020

Sholler, Alice Briskin Age 85, formerly of St. Louis Park and Golden Valley, passed away peacefully from natural causes early Thursday morning, April 9, 2020 in Minneapolis, MN. Born in Chicago, Alice grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where she attended Washington High School and excelled in her studies while also displaying a thespian spirit and tap dancing skills with lead roles in various theatrical productions. Alice attended the University of Wisconsin (both Madison and Milwaukee campuses) and ultimately graduated with honors with a degree in education thereby launching a lifetime of devotion to early childhood education. Her lasting professional legacy was creating a groundbreaking early education program for the St. Louis Park public school district in the early 1970s. She oversaw expansion of the program to multiple locations that eventually provided critical childhood education to thousands of children across the district. Initially serving as the program's first preschool teacher, Alice ultimately retired a beloved administrator after more than 25 years as a tireless advocate for early education. Alice's first marriage to Alan Briskin spanned 23 years and produced three children. Alice later married Larry Sholler and for the last 37 years has been the indomitable matriarch of the combined Briskin/Sholler clan. The seamlessly blended family that resulted was in large part due to the incredible partnership Alice and Larry cultivated, underscored by Alice unhesitatingly becoming a mom to Larry's teenage children after raising and launching three of her own. Alice was soft spoken and unpretentious, but her affable good nature belied an intrepid sense of adventure. Fiercely loyal to her friends, she exalted family togetherness over all else and conducted herself with an unwavering sense of integrity in everything she did. She was an amazingly proud mother, a devoted wife to Larry and was adored by her 9 grandkids. Preceded in death by her beloved Larry, she is survived by her children Raquel Counihan (Kevin), Lisa Westreich (Larry), Danny Briskin, Joseph Sholler (Helen) and Alison Mund (John) and her grandchildren Noah, Tali and Ari Westreich, Abby and Ella Counihan, Amanda and Jonah Briskin, and Zachery and Reva Mund; as well as numerous cousins and friends (especially her dearest friend Ann Cohen) who knew and loved her as a good-natured, kind and gentle soul. Amidst these extraordinary times, a virtual graveside ceremony is planned for Sunday at 1:00 pm CT with a virtual remembrance gathering over Zoom on Sunday at

6:30 pm CT. For login details feel free to contact a family member. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Jones-Harrison Residence where Alice received extraordinary care in recent years or to the Minnesota Association for the Education of Young Children. Arrangements with Adath Jeshurun Chevra Kavod Hamet and

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“ Carolyn Abramson lit a candle in memory of Alice Briskin Sholler



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