



Eleanor Elizabeth Holmgren

August 21, 1938 - September 12, 2020

Holmgren, Eleanor E. born August 21, 1938 in Minneapolis, passed away September 12, 2020. Predeceased by parents Bernard and Elphie Bryngelson, and great-granddaughter Elaine Grace Holmgren. Survived by husband Wendell of 63 years, sister Janet Paterson, children Greg (Susan), Tim (Beth), and Beth (Mike), ten grandchildren (Jon, Bryan, Elsa, Katherine, Bergren, Jason, Alex, Rachel, Ben, and Linsey), and three great-grandchildren (Gloriana, Georgia, and Shepherd). Eleanor was a graduate of West High School and, after raising three children, worked in several different capacities in the medical administration field. Known as Ellie to her many close friends, those fortunate enough to attend one of her parties know she was a skilled bread baker, especially cardamom bread. She loved to cook, bake, and entertain, finding any reason to celebrate so she could bring groups of people together in her home. Ellie loved to feed great food to all people. She truly mastered the dinner party, making entertaining look effortless, whether the dinner was for 5 or 50 people. She loved to travel with her family and enjoyed trips to Alaska and Sweden. She delighted in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, so her favorite travels were to actively participate in the grandkids school and sports events, whether the trip was 5 miles or 1000 miles. Eleanor was a very active member of Bloomington Covenant Church. She enjoyed singing in the sanctuary choir, working at closet of Hope and other ministries, and always answering the call to cook or cater events. Eleanor and Wendell sold their home in Edina in 2019, where they had lived for 55 years, and moved into Presbyterian Homes of Bloomington. Private interment. Memorials may be directed to VEAP or Bloomington Covenant Church. washburn-mcreavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996.

Comments



“ Though it has been many years, say, decades since I share a good time with Eleanor (Byngelson, at the time) we were High School Pals...West High School, '56. Our gang of a dozen girls hung out, went out and enjoyed the teen years that pals cherish. I regret that we never spent time after that, lives just going in different ways, don't think Eleanor made one of our reunions, we all missed her and would have loved recalling the laughs and giggles. So young and carefree. I know she was a very lovely and loving lady to her family and friends...as she was back then.
My best,
Patty Iverson Sachs Meshbesh....will add a photo later.

Patty Iverson Sachs Meshbesh - October 02, 2020 at 01:26 PM



“ Wendell -- My deepest sympathy to you in your loss -- I so much enjoyed our visits over lunch when I worked for Allied Interstate and collected for the Star Tribune --
Mark Wedel, Aitkin, MN

J. Mark Wedel - September 18, 2020 at 02:08 PM



“ Our hearts are hurting for you. We have many fun memories of Ellie and Wendell in Ft Myers, meeting for breakfast at Ikea, at your Edina home and when you came to Bo and Nick's ball games. She sure lived life to the full... we will miss her so much, but so thankful we will see her again. Much love to you, Wendell and family. We are praying for you. xoxo Erik and Lisa Lovdahl

Erik and Lisa Lovdahl - September 16, 2020 at 10:32 PM