



Ruth M. Lawless

October 16, 1927 - June 23, 2021

Ruth had a full life in her 93 years with us. Raised in St Paul, she grew up and married Ken Anderson, and together they raised 5 children. While doing this, Ruth earned her Masters degree from the University of Michigan by correspondence course, almost unheard of in the early 1950s, and certainly rare for a woman. She and Ken were divorced in 1977, and Ruth later married Don Lawless. They enjoyed life for a number of years, until Don died in 2001. Ruth later met Garry Garrison, with whom she shared life until the end. A Hematologist her whole life, Ruth worked at various hospitals in the Twin Cities, and spent 2 years at the King Faisal Hospital in Saudi Arabia, from where she was able to travel extensively. She continued to travel until her late 80's, visiting over 50 countries in her lifetime. As a college graduation gift to her grandchildren, Ruth took each graduate on a trip to a destination of their choice, and was able to really form a bond with each grandchild that took the journey with her. Ruth died peacefully in her sleep, and is survived by her 5 children, Candyce, Wendy, Dena, Kyle, and Marshall (Kim), her partner Garry Garrison, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Memorial Service Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 2 p.m. with visitation one hour prior at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church Serley Chapel, 5025 Knox Ave S, Minneapolis. Private Interment Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis.

Events

JUL **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Mount Olivet Lutheran Church (So. Mpls)
5025 Knox Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN, US, 55419

JUL **Memorial Service** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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Comments



“ Our condolences are with all of the family. I spoke on the phone to your mom a year ago. It was the day my husband and I were moving houses, and the furniture movers were there. Your mom was so sharp and very thoughtful, and she asked how my mom was doing. (My mom died in Oct. 2020.). Your mom was a good friend to my mom, right up to the end. Please know that our prayers are with you at this difficult time.

- Barb Seim Gandy

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