



## Sylvia Marion Swierczek

August 10, 1924 - October 7, 2021

Sylvia Marion Swierczek passed away peacefully on October 7, 2021 at the young-at-heart age of 97. She was born on August 10, 1924, to Joseph and Mary Horak Jarolimek of Merrilan, WI, and spent her early years on the family farm during the Great Depression. Sylvia loved music and dancing all through her life; she enjoyed dancing and singing to her brothers' concertina music at different venues. As a young lady, Sylvia was a free spirit, hitch hiking to the Twin Cities Prom Center to see Benny Goodman and his Orchestra and going off to college majoring in Mathematics. She changed course after a year when she met her love and future husband, Theodore Swierczek. They married in 1945, before Ted left to serve in WWII. Soon afterwards, Sylvia became a "beautician" and mother. The newlyweds stayed in Ted's hometown of Chicago IL for 9 years before moving to Minnesota in 1954. Ted and Sylvia were owners of Waite Park Foods or "Ted's" on 36th & Johnson St. NE Mpls until 1967. They had four children, Thomas (Karen), Timothy, Joseph (Helen), and Mary (Dean Harts). In 1975, Ted and Sylvia moved to St. Anthony Village where they lived for 31 years. Through the years they enjoyed their card club friends, and trips to Canterbury Downs. Sylvia was always happy to help anyone and often gave rides to anyone in need of one, including hitch hikers. She was a loving wife and mom, a loyal friend, and a devoted grandmother. Later in life, Ted and Sylvia lived at New Perspective, Columbia Hgts, where they celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary shortly before Ted passed away in 2011. For the following 10 years, Sylvia kept her old friends but made many new ones at her residence. She was a grateful, friendly, loving, and funny woman. We feel like she had extended family in the staff that worked with her through the years, and we are grateful for the love and joy that she found with them. Sylvia was preceded in death by her husband Ted, son Timothy, and brothers John and Jim. She is survived by 3 children, 4 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren. Mass of Christian Burial to be held Thursday, December 2nd, 11AM with visitation one hour prior, at the Washburn-McReavy Hillside Chapel. A private family interment will be held at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

# Events

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**DEC**   **Visitation**                      10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Hillside Chapel

2610 19th Avenue N.E., Minneapolis, MN, US, 55418

**DEC**   **Mass of Christian Burial**            11:00AM - 12:00PM

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# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Washburn-McReavy** - December 01, 2021 at 12:16 PM

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“ So many memories of Syl:all fun. She baked One sheet of cookies at a time, rest of dough went back to refrigerator. She was delighted to have a baby Girl!! She and Ted enjoyed studying Racing Form, before an exciting visit to Canterbury. She was always up for a trip, and I was lucky enough to join her on the Alaska Cruise with Mary and Dean, Montana Road trip and surprises in Choteau. I think of her often.

**Mary Lou** - December 02, 2021 at 11:00 AM

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“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Sylvia Marion Swierczek.



November 30, 2021 at 12:34 PM

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“ I always remember Sylvia as a generous person with a genuine smile. I remember one of our many family car trips ‘Back East’ to visit our extended family, and we stopped to see Ted and Sylvia. Being kids, Sylvia knew we’d need to let off some steam after a long trip from Collins, so she suggested we visit Minnehaha Park. I loved it, as much for the space to run around as for the fun in yelling “Minnehaha”!

In later years, traveling with my husband, Larry, we explored the Mississippi River, revisiting Minnehaha Creek to the part where it joins the Mississippi.

Another time we up to Lake Itasca and walked across the Mississippi as it left the lake.

Reliving the old childhood adventure always brought out my 10 year old’s joys and fond memories of my loving cousin, Sylvia.

Charlene Horak Whiting

Charlene Whiting - October 25, 2021 at 05:32 PM

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Mary - October 23, 2021 at 07:14 PM

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Mary - October 23, 2021 at 04:55 PM

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Mary - October 23, 2021 at 03:13 PM

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