



## Avonne Beverly Nutting

October 25, 1930 - October 30, 2022

Nutting, Avonne B. ("Rusty"), Columbia Heights, formerly of south Minneapolis, St. Louis Park, and Austin, died in her sleep at age 92. Rusty grew up in Minneapolis, graduating from Roosevelt High School. She married Raymond Nutting and began her life as a Navy wife in exotic locales like Peoria and Norfolk. Once Ray left the service, they moved back to the Twin Cities, eventually settling in uptown Minneapolis to raise their four children. They later divorced, and Rusty was thrust into the role of a single mother. She was a staunch feminist and an early environmentalist, volunteering at the local food cooperative. She trained as an x-ray technician and worked at Methodist Hospital for her entire career. She also led an adventurous life, canoeing in the BWCAW, SCUBA diving in the Caribbean, and participating in mission trips through her church. She loved music and enjoyed joining her friends at the piano bar, and she was an avid gardener known for her beautiful flower gardens. She read widely and voraciously and trained her children to do the same, turning a love of language into a family trait. Late in her life she moved to Austin, MN, where she continued her involvement in the United Methodist Church, teaching Bible classes, traveling on mission trips to Haiti, and raising funds for church programs.

Rusty was preceded in death by her mother Ellen Brown, fathers Arvo Erickson and Karl Brown; sisters Sharon Paterson, Susan Brown, and Joy Upham; and brother J. Neal Brown. She is survived by her sister Katy Brown; sons Darrell, Rory (Mary Moen), and Christopher (Theresa); daughter Wendy

(Ron) Baker; and grandchildren Gregg Kapsalis; Candice Smith; Jay, Christopher, Lindsay, Chelsea, and Taylor Nutting and Lynette Vreeman; 11 great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law Natalie; and several nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her constant canine companion, Shadow. If desired, memorials in Ms. Nutting's name can be made online at [www.mayoclinic.org/development](http://www.mayoclinic.org/development) or mailed to Department of Development, Mayo Clinic, 200 First St. SW, Rochester, MN 55905.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

NOV **10**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Columbia Heights Chapel  
4101 Central Avenue N.E.  
Columbia Heights, MN 55421  
(763) 789-4436  
[info@washburn-mcreavy.com](mailto:info@washburn-mcreavy.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Avonne Beverly Nutting.*



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November 09, 2022 at 07:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Avonne Beverly Nutting.*



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November 07, 2022 at 04:09 PM