



Barbara Ann Van Driel

November 5, 1934 - June 17, 2020

Van Driel, Barbara A. Age 85, of Eden Prairie, passed from this Earthly life to begin her life in heaven, on June 17, 2020. She was surrounded by family. Preceded in death by her parents Leonard and Frances Ness, brother Harlan Ness, first husband Fred Pierce and daughter-in-law Nancy Pierce. She will be forever loved and missed by her husband Jim Van Driel, children Debbie Pierce (Bruce Olson), Jeff Pierce (Kathy), Tim Pierce, Mark Pierce (Barb), 2 grandchildren, Brock and Scott, 2 great grandchildren, Danica and Aurora along with many relatives and dear friends. Barb lived a full life. Born in Minneapolis, Nov 5, 1934. As a child and adult, she lived in many places, including a year in Germany, before finally settling back in Minneapolis. She made lifelong friends along the way. She graduated from Washburn High School and attended the University of MN. She traveled the US and all over the world. She loved history. Researching genealogy was her passion, for which we are grateful. She enjoyed family gatherings and laughter was the center of them all. Barb and her beloved Jim enjoyed spending time on the North Shore exploring. No matter where they traveled together, they always took the back roads. Her years spent with Jim were some of her happiest. Among the many characteristics that made Barb a special woman was curiosity; she was like a detective in her quest for family history and loved learning. She was smart, brave, and strong. Her life was not always easy. She met challenges squarely. She loved nature and the outdoors. Childhood vacations were often spent at family cabins or National Parks in the West. She

was generous of heart and spirit. She was a good wife, a good Mom, a good friend. Her lust for living life to the fullest was passed to her children. We always knew we were loved, and that love was all that mattered. Her love will be with us all forever. A private family interment will be at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.
Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN **25**. 9:30 AM - 9:45 AM (CT)

Fort Snelling National Cemetery
7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Tribute Wall

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“ Jim, we were so sorry to learn of Barb's death. We really didn't know her , but she sounded like a wonderful person. We spent so many wonderful times at your parents home and have those special memories. May God give you the strength to face each new tomorrow.

Bob and Dee Van Driel - June 28, 2020 at 06:13 PM