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Beverly Ann (Durheim) Fors, age 76, of Prior Lake, MN, passed away on September 7, 2024, after a long battle with lung cancer. She was surrounded by her daughters and grandchildren.

Bev was born on May 10, 1948, to Arnold Durheim and Donna (Blank) Durheim, in South St. Paul, MN.

Bev married Michael Kmitch on October 15, 1966. Together, they had three children, Jennifer, Sheriann, and Heather. They moved from South St. Paul to St. Cloud, MN, and eventually to a family farm in North Prairie, MN. They divorced in 1978.

In 1978, Bev and her three daughters moved to St. Paul, MN, where Bev spent many years working for First National Bank in downtown St. Paul. Her daughters

used to tell people that her job was to stand on top of the building and turn the flashing "1" on and off. Her actual job was in Accounts Payable, which she loved. She had so much fun with her co-workers. She loved getting dressed up for work every day, in skirt suits with shoes and purses to match. Bev surrounded herself with color, not just in her wardrobe, but in her home and her hobbies. She was a talented painter, decorator, sewer, cook/baker, gardener, and craftsperson. She was passionate about astrology. She loved music, especially Elvis and Motown. She taught herself to play the piano. She loved movies, especially comedies and rom-coms. And she loved any form of entertainment with dancing.

What will be remembered most about Bev is her twisted sense of humor. Her daughters agree that that trait was passed down to each of them-and they are immensely grateful for it. She loved laughing and making people laugh, especially with her brothers, sister, sisters-in-law, and nieces. Bev and her daughters spent a great deal of time with extended family, with so much love and laughter.

In the mid-90s, Bev began a new career in rare coin and collectible sales, where, in 1996, she met Gary Fors. On July 26, 1997, they were married on a boat on

Lake Mille

Lacs. The bride wore a lace t-shirt and lace sneakers; the groom wore a tuxedo t-shirt; and Bev was given away by her daughters.

Bev had a special place in her heart for her pets, especially her cats. She loved them all fiercely and dearly, especially Buckwheat, her beloved Ragdoll cat. Buckwheat was the reason Bev remained at home until almost the end. She could not bear to leave him.

Bev was raised Lutheran, and her spiritual connection to God remained strong throughout her life.

Bev is survived by husband Gary Fors; sister Irene (Bob) Kirscht; step-brother Bob (Darla) Kampen; daughters Jennifer Tzar, Sheri Kmitch, and Heather (Bob) Longmore; step-daughter Kelly (Aaron) Eckman; grandchildren Sarah, Ona, Maggie, Ella, Penelope, and Elliot; step-grandson Kyle; great-grandchildren Owen and Onyx; nieces Kim, Holly, Kristelle, Kelly, Lisa, Paula, Marie, and Stephanie; and close friends Judy, Jan, and Jan.

Bev is preceded in death by her father Arnold Durham; mother Donna Bense; step-mother Marion Durham; step-father Al Urban; brothers Jerry Durham and LeRoy

Urban; sister-in-law and close friend Faye Kayne; and niece Lindsey.

A service will be held for Bev on Friday, October 11, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at Fort Snelling

National Cemetery. A gathering will follow at 11 a.m. at the VFW in Prior Lake, MN.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate a donation in Bev's memory to the Animal

Humane Society of Minnesota, or to a cat rescue organization.

Mom, my very first memory is of you comforting me and keeping me safe when I was

upset. I hope your last memory is of me doing the same for you. I am grateful for every

second I got to spend with you, especially throughout this past year. I love you and will

miss you always.

-Heather

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT 11. 9:30 AM - 9:45 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dear Family and Friends,
It was our pleasure to care for Beverly at this important time.
With Sympathies,
Nurses and Staff at NC Little Hospice*

NC Little Hospice - September 20, 2024 at 02:10 PM

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“ *32 files added to the album Bev*



Heather Longmore - September 18, 2024 at 09:17 PM