



## Blossom Charlyne Gullickson

April 1, 1930 - April 4, 2021

Blossom Gullickson, age 91, of St. Anthony Village, entered eternal rest on April 4, 2021. Born in Aurora, MN, she moved to Minneapolis, graduating from the University of Minnesota School of Nursing with a BSN and MS. Preceded in death by her husband Donald; parents; sister; son; three nieces; and a nephew. Survived by daughter Lynn Gullickson Spencer (Stephen); grandson, Luke Gullickson; daughter-in-law, Christine Berkenpas; three nephews; several grandnieces and grandnephews; and dearly loved cousins. The family is deeply grateful for the excellent and loving care provided by the Johanna Shores and Optage Hospice staff.

Blossom was married to the love of her life, Donald Gullickson, for 59 years. She devoted her nursing career to teaching at the University of Minnesota and St. Olaf College. Blossom was a charter member of the St. Anthony Civic Orchestra. She also served as a board member and archivist for the St. Anthony, MN (Salo, Finland) Sister City Association; a board member of the St. Anthony Village Historical Society; and the archivist for the University of Minnesota School of Nursing Heritage Committee. She was also a member of the Finnish American Cultural Activities organization. Blossom embodied the Finnish concept of *sisu* in every aspect of her life.

Memorials preferred to Salem Covenant Church Music Fund, St. Anthony Civic Orchestra, St. Anthony, MN (Salo, Finland) Sister City Association, or Johanna Shores. Private service at Salem Covenant Church, New Brighton, MN and Interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery on Monday April 12,

2021. Service can be viewed starting 10 AM Monday April 12 via the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiZkhDakViwCLiU-Qfq28WA/live>

# Previous Events

## Interment

APR **12** (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

JD

“ *Jessie Daniels lit a candle in memory of Blossom Charlyne Gullickson*



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**Jessie Daniels** - April 21, 2021 at 12:58 PM

JD

“ *I am saddened by the loss of Blossom, a strong, warm and kind woman. I had the honor of working with Bloosom at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing and viewed her as my mentor. I remember her consistent caring, of students, colleagues and patients as well as of her family. In my early years as a new nursing educator, I learned a tremendous amount from her, in all areas of nursing and education. She is truly missed.*  
*Jessie Daniels*

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**Jessie Daniels** - April 21, 2021 at 12:57 PM

EL

“ *I want to offer you, Lynn, condolences in the loss of your mother, Blossom. The many years I visited with her were delightful times. We had great conversations regarding many subjects. I learned much about her life, careers, how she thought about many things. I will miss these visits very much.* *Elsa Lindquist*

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**Elsa Lindquist** - April 12, 2021 at 10:02 PM

JP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



James Plasek - April 12, 2021 at 01:10 PM

CB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Christine Berkenpas - April 12, 2021 at 10:02 AM

MW

“ I am very sorry for your loss. I worked w/ Blossom at Fairview and always enjoyed that time w/ her. She was a wonderful lady. May your memories be a comfort. Take care.  
Monica Wainio - rehab

Monica Wainio - April 11, 2021 at 03:40 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Blossom Charlyne Gullickson.



April 10, 2021 at 03:29 PM

MS

“ Lynn and Family,  
Blossom was truly a joy to know. She was always positive and encouraging to students and colleagues. Her smile brightened the days and lives of many persons. May your many memories lighten these difficult days. Mariah Snyder

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**Mariah Snyder** - April 10, 2021 at 08:35 AM

SR

“ Lynn, Stephen, Luke, Christine,  
I was blessed to have the opportunity to work with Blossom at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing and serve with her on the Heritage Committee. Blossom was a well-prepared gifted educator in the classroom, skills lab, and clinical setting. She was loved and respected by faculty and students. Blossom was proud of her family and kept us up-to-date with your accomplishments. May you find peace as you celebrate her life.  
Sharon Ridgeway

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**Sharon Ridgeway** - April 09, 2021 at 06:24 PM

CD

“ On behalf of the School of Nursing we share our deepest sympathy. We honor and celebrate Blossom's unwavering love of her school, her service as a faculty, and passionate contributor to maintaining the history of the School of Nursing.  
Dean Connie Delaney, and all faculty, staff, students and alumni

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**Connie Delaney** - April 09, 2021 at 03:37 PM

AP

“ Arja Pulakka sent a virtual gift in memory of Blossom Charlyne Gullickson



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**Arja Pulakka** - April 09, 2021 at 02:12 PM

JM

*Blossom and her family will always be remembered as kind and loving. Her legacy of caring for others lives on during this pandemic.*

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**Jean Glotzbach Maciasek** - April 12, 2021 at 12:39 PM

JP

*It was great having the Gullicksons as neighbors. Ethel, Jim, and Lynne Plasek.*

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**James Plasek** - April 12, 2021 at 01:13 PM