



## Bonnie Lorraine Kirchner

April 20, 1927 - December 24, 2021

A tribute to Bonnie Kirchner.

Bonnie lived an extraordinary, adventurous life during her 94 years on Earth. With her beginning at birth, Bonnie Perfetto arrived April 20, 1927, in Winnipeg Manitoba Canada, and departed on the Wings of Angels, Christmas Eve, December 24, 2021, in Edina, Minnesota.

It is only right to commend her achievements as a progressive woman at a time when it was rare for women to attain higher ranks of education. With her strong desire and incredible intellect, education was a definite priority and goal. The fact that her accomplishments reached beyond "the normal of women" during the 1950's is astonishing. On June 19, 1949, Bonnie completed her first Bachelor of Arts Degree at the University of Minnesota. In pursuit of her passion of law, she began law school at the University of Minnesota and in June of 1952 received her Bachelor of Law Degree. In October 1952, The State of Minnesota and The Minnesota State Bar Association awarded her Certificate to practice law. Her choice of law led her to a Certification from the United States Department of Justice, Board of Immigration Appeals, Washington D.C. practicing in immigration appeals and immigration and naturalization law.

Her career path led to meeting Wayne Kirchner, Ph.D. who soon became a soulmate to Bonnie. Their romance grew with inspiring and combined interests. At the age of 28 she joined Wayne in Cambridge England where he was a Fulbright Scholarship student. On April 16, 1955, Bonnie and Wayne

were united in marriage at Cambridge England. Together their curiosity of cultures made way for excursions around the world. Her many photo albums meticulously document each adventure. Bonnie was a connoisseur of the arts, including her vast book collection, several detailing the great masters. Her energetic love of learning was always evident in conversation. Bonnie and Wayne celebrated their 52 married years together before his death. In her later years Bonnie continued to be curious, up to date on current worldly affairs, well read and often shared her own history, wisdom, and kindness plus a gentle smile.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery (Mendota Heights)

2101 Lexington Avenue South  
Mendota Heights, MN 55120-1211

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Nativity of Mary Catholic Church  
9900 Lyndale Avenue South  
Bloomington, MN 55420

## Graveside Service

JAN 6. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Approaching the 1-year anniversary of Bonnie's passing, a final sentiment seems fitting:

*Truely our life's legacies are shown on the faces and kept in the hearts of loving family and friends, who will cherish them and give them life after ours has ended. For another generation, perhaps longer. Among other things, legacies are not borne with benevolent giving even to the worthiest cause, serving then only as fading memorials to institutions who never knew us, nor cared about who we were or how we lived. Sadly, these legacies are laid to rest along with the ashes of those who hoped to be remembered for their time among us. And so it is...*

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**Family Member** - November 10, 2022 at 06:58 PM

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“ My aunt Bonnie was my mother's only sister. She and uncle "Kirch" (Wayne Kirchner) lived a very solitary life focused on their personal and professional interests, including extensive world travels. My brother, sister and I, never got to know our (only) aunt and uncle very well, despite many efforts over the years to get together and become better acquainted. When our mother Elaine died in 1989 (Bonnie's only sibling) I continued to reach out in the hope of sharing time and memories with "Bon & Kirch" but was never successful in those pursuits. There was never time to get together... I pray now that Bonnie has been welcomed into a heavenly kingdom by all those who loved her during her time among us - to share those many blessings she experienced in this life.

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**Jeff Sandberg** - January 08, 2022 at 09:18 AM