



## Carol Louise Edblom

September 1, 1932 - August 11, 2025

Carol Louise Edblom, age 92, of Shoreview, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on Monday, August 11, 2025.

Born and raised in South Minneapolis, Carol graduated from Washburn High School and attended Grinnell College in Iowa. A lifelong member of Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, Carol remained devoted to her faith community for over 75 years.

In 1953, Carol began her professional career at Northwestern National Bank of Minneapolis. There, she developed a passion for empowering women in finance, becoming actively involved in the National Association of Bank Women (NABW) and Financial Women International (FWI). She was especially proud to serve as President of the Minnesota Chapter of FWI in 1992. Carol retired from Norwest Bank in 1993 after four decades of dedicated service.

Carol's love of the outdoors began in childhood, especially around water and camping. She started Girl Scout camping at Camp Ajawah near Wyoming, MN in 1945, where she met her future husband, Carl Edblom, a camp staff member. They were married in 1953, though their time together was tragically short. Carl passed away from kidney disease in 1955, and their infant daughter, Elisabeth Kay, passed away the previous year.

Despite her losses, Carol remained vibrant and adventurous. She discovered scuba diving in 1960 and was immediately captivated. In 1971, she became a founding member of the Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI). Her personal motto, borrowed from a fellow diver, was: "Get Wet and Be Happy." Her love for the water continued throughout her life, drawing her back time and again to the North Shore of Lake Superior and Captiva Island, Florida.

Carol was preceded in death by her beloved husband Carl; infant daughter Elisabeth Kay; parents Edward and Elisabeth Vorlander; sister and brother-in-law Nancy and Robert McNeive; sister-in-law Kay Remly; and niece Jeanne Kuhn.

She is survived by her nieces Eileen Bierk, and Erin McNeive; nephews Doug Remly and Michael McNeive; and niece-in-law Maggie McNeive. She also leaves behind many great-nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly and treated like grandchildren: Caity Johnston (Nathan), Shannon Johnson, Ryan McNeive, Meghan McNeive, Ally McNeive, Hayley Johnson, Danny McNeive, and Molly McNeive.

Carol also cherished a wide circle of lifelong friends, many of whom preceded her in death and others who survive her. Their companionship and love meant the world to her.

Blessed be Carol.

A visitation will be held from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at Lakewood Memorial Chapel, 3600 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis, followed by funeral services at 10:00 a.m. Burial will take place at Lakewood Cemetery.

In honor of Carol's enduring love for the outdoors and her compassion for others, memorial donations may be made to:

- Camp Ajawah, 21600 Zodiac Street NE, Wyoming, MN 55082 ' (612) 332-3421
- American Kidney Fund, [contributions@kidneyfund.org](mailto:contributions@kidneyfund.org) ' (800) 638-8299

# Cemetery Details

## Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)

3600 Hennepin Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55408

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

AUG 23. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Lakewood Memorial Chapel  
3600 Hennepin Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55408

## Funeral Service

AUG 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Lakewood Memorial Chapel  
3600 Hennepin Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55408

## Graveside Service

AUG 23. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)  
3600 Hennepin Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55408



# Tribute Wall

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“ I am very saddened to learn of Carol's passing away. Pray that her soul rest in Eternal Peace. I got to know Carol back in 2012 at the time of her triple valve surgery. Despite a rocky course, she was a trooper and a fighter and survived the surgery. As her heart doctor, I got to see her every year and most of the times we'd chart about her life and activities. Carol was a strong willed and a fiercely independent woman, remained in her own house and physically active till the end- which is what she always hoped and prayed for. Warm, loving and compassionate, she was a gentle soul. I will miss her goodbye hug when I saw her the last time on Nov 26th, 2024. May her gentle soul rest in Peace.

*DR Amin Rahmatullah*

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**Amin Rahmatullah** - August 15, 2025 at 05:12 PM

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*Thank you Dr Rahmatullah for your loving care of Aunt Carol.*

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**Erin** - August 16, 2025 at 10:14 AM

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*I remember meeting you at the hospital and Carol spoke of you often Dr. Rahmatullah, thank YOU for your kind words, skilled work and ongoing care❤️Eileen*

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**Eileen Bierk** - August 19, 2025 at 04:50 PM