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Carol Ann Hawkins (Sirene), passed away peacefully on Monday, November 8, 2021 at her home in Shoreview, MN. She was 77 years old.

Carol was born on April 2, 1944 in St. Paul, MN to Walt and Elsie Sirene.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 48 years, Gerard "Jerry" Hawkins, and two daughters: Sara (Ben) Lindau and Julie (Matt) Herzog; four grandchildren: Ellen and Marla Herzog, Jackson and Harrison Lindau. She is survived by one brother, Walt (Mary) Sirene of Warrenton, VA, and one stepbrother John (Barb) Swanson of Littleton, CO. She is also survived by many cousins, nieces, nephews and dear friends. Carol was preceded in death by her parents Walt and Elsie Sirene, and stepmother Geraldine Sirene (Swanson).

Carol grew up in Edina, MN, graduating from Edina High School in 1962. She attended the University of Minnesota where she earned her education degree in 1966.

Carol married Jerry in 1973, and they were happily married for 48 years. Carol and Jerry enjoyed spending time together in their Shoreview, MN home, exploring the woods and lakes of northern Minnesota, skiing with family and friends, and traveling to Europe and Alaska together. The couple raised two daughters. Carol was an involved mother who taught kindness and generosity through her actions. Over the years her devotion to her family was constant

and the many happy memories she created will always remain.

Carol was a second grade teacher for 10 years at Edina Highlands Elementary School before taking time off from teaching to care for her young daughters. She returned to education at Emmet Williams Elementary School in Roseville, MN once the girls were both in school. Carol worked as a paraprofessional, aide and tutor for Roseville Public Schools for 24 years, retiring in 2009. Carol approached her roles with vigor, taking pride in her work with students and teachers. She was known for spearheading the annual science fair and was especially celebrated for the time she brought in live penguins to the school.

Carol and Jerry were active members of Incarnation Lutheran Church for 40 years. After being involved with teaching music, Sunday school and vacation bible school when her daughters were young, Carol began singing with the Senior Choir. She loved singing sacred music with the choir and had many lasting friendships among fellow choir members. She also enjoyed singing with her friends in The Larks, a group that toured local senior housing and care facilities, entertaining residents with songs of their youth: oldies, show-tunes, Christmas carols, and fond memories.

A memorial service will be held at Incarnation Lutheran Church, 4880 Hodgson Rd, St Paul, MN 55126 at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, November 16, 2021. There will be a visitation one hour prior to the service at the church, (1:00 PM). Interment at Incarnation Cemetery in Lino Lakes, MN will follow at a later date. The family requests all attendees of the memorial service wear masks. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to Ralph Reeder Food Shelf, 2544 Mounds View Blvd. Mounds View, MN 55112. Donate directly at www.givemn.org.

The family would like to thank caregivers from Allina Health Hospice for their tremendous care and support.

Tribute Wall

BB

“ Carol was a beacon of sunshine to all who knew her. I feel so blessed to have counted her as a friend. RIP

Bonnie Burnson - November 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ May your memories help you through your grief.

Sharon Johnson - November 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Hawkins family and friends of Carol,
Sincere sympathy to you in your loss. I hope wonderful memories,
made with her, will sustain you in this difficult time. I knew her as a
wonderful, gentle, sweet lady. ❤️

Linda Spellacy - November 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Carol and Jerry are "class" people who send their joy and love to all who know them.

Tom and Diane Hayden - November 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Sending love and comfort. Your mom sounds like a wonderful person and influence in your life. All the hugs.



Dorothy & Ed Johnson - November 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Wishing Carol's family love and support during this time of deep loss. May she rest in peace.* ”

Bonnie Burnson - November 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *Sending our thoughts and condolences as you mourn the loss of your mother Sara, and hope you and your families thoughts are filled with wonderful memories to celebrate her life.* ”



Lacey & Charlie Robinson - November 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM