



## Carol Lee (nee Capuano) Wells

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Wells, Carol Lee nee Capuano age 70, of Plymouth, Minnesota, has passed away after a long personal battle with cancer. Born on the south side of Chicago in 1944 to Joseph and Minnie Capuano, both of full Sicilian descent, she took a liking early in life to ballet and tap dancing. Moving at times through Colorado and Michigan, eventually the family settled in Garden Grove, California. A Ring of Honor graduate of Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana, she completed her undergraduate degree at the University of California at Davis. From there, she continued her trailblazing academic career, ultimately completing both her Masters degree and a Ph.D. in Medical Microbiology at the University of Wisconsin, Madison while raising her two sons. Her entire professional career thereafter was as a professor at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, where her decades of both teaching and research both shaped the lives of all who came to know her, and saved many more who never would. She is arguably the single most published professor in the University's entire history. Multiple national and international boards and societies, including the Shock Society and the US National Institute of Health, called upon her to evaluate and consult upon innumerable grants and seminars. The history of modern medical science itself, in some small way, was guided by her perception and wisdom. Carol is survived by her two sons, Brian and Tony, a daughter-in-law, Kellie, three grandsons, Zachary, Brendon, and Parker, whom she knew well and adored, two loving sisters, Tana Walsh and Joanell Serna, and their respective families, and the extended family of

her beloved second husband, Stanley Erlandsen, who preceded her. In lieu of flowers, please send charitable donations to Mary's Place via Sharing and Caring Hands of Minneapolis. They are located at 525 North 7th St, Minneapolis, MN, 55405, or online at [sharingandcaringhands.org](http://sharingandcaringhands.org). Donations may be designated directly for Mary's Place. Memorial Mass of Christian Burial Wednesday, 8/12/15, 11 am at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church 155 County Road 24, Wayzata. Visitation 1 hour prior to mass at church. Interment Holy Name Cemetery. Washburn-McReavy.com Glen Haven Chapel 763-533-8643