



Carolyn Elizabeth Welch

August 29, 1934 - February 16, 2026

Excelsior, MN - Carolyn Elizabeth (Fyfe) Welch of Excelsior, MN, formerly of Ft. Wayne, IN, passed away peacefully on the morning of February 16, 2026 at the age of 91. Carolyn was born on August 29, 1934 in Terre Haute, IN to Clifford and Marie Fyfe. She completed her undergraduate degree from Ball State University and later completed a Masters degree from Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne. She married Charles Welch in 1959 in South Bend, IN and they were married for 61 years until Charles passed in 2020. Carolyn worked as an elementary school art teacher in South Bend and later in Fort Wayne, after taking time to raise her family. She moved to Minnesota in 2021 to be closer to family. She was an enthusiastic resident of The Waters of Excelsior, where she met many dear friends and enjoyed participating in bridge and creative writing.

Carolyn was a devoted member of P.E.O. International first in Fort Wayne and then in Excelsior, of Excelsior United Methodist Church, and previously of First Wayne Street United Methodist Church in Ft. Wayne. She also enjoyed her time as a volunteer at the Shorewood Community Center.

She is survived by her sons, Bob (Cheryl) of Minnetonka and their children Molly and Charlie; and Mike of St. Louis, MO and his daughters Anna and Adeline.

Many thanks to the wonderful friends Carolyn made and the support she received at The Waters of Excelsior, her home over the last four years, and to the caring staff at N.C. Little Hospice in Edina, MN where she comfortably spent her last days.

A family service will be held later this year in Ft. Wayne.