



Clara Jane Allyn

January 15, 1943 - May 21, 2021

Allyn (Campbell), Clara Jane "Clare" passed away peacefully on Friday, May 21, 2021 at the Carondelet Arbor Village in St. Paul, MN, her life shortened by a long battle with dementia. Clare was born in Denver, Colorado on January 15, 1943, to Mary Newton Campbell and Lawrence C. Campbell. Her mother, who had been a longtime columnist for the Cass County Democrat in Harrisonville, MO, sadly lost her life following childbirth. Clare was raised by her beloved Aunt Louise "Mom" Baker for most of her childhood in Keenesburg, Colorado, and spent high school in Denver, Kansas City and Aztec, New Mexico. Clare moved to Minnesota in 1961 to attend the University of Minnesota. She was a Kappa Kappa Gamma sister and active in the Christian Science Student Organization. June and Richard Randall were her wonderful surrogate parents. Clare went on to teach middle school English and Special Education in the Roseville School District for her entire career. She was totally committed to her students and meeting their education needs. The great joys of her life were her daughters Julie and Rachel Allyn, and then grandson Henry. She took huge delight in spending summers with her daughters at her cabin community on Bass Lake, Wisconsin. Clare was a "women's libber" from the beginning and never stopped challenging sexism. Since 2008, Clare had been living under the loving attention of elder care specialist Lee Roark, surrounded by loyal care-givers who protected her health and enriched her quality of life, and this level of care continued when she moved to Carondelet in 2014. In addition to their daughters, Clare is also

survived by her former husband, Richard Allyn. A grave-side service at Lakewood Cemetery will be announced for this summer. Memorials in Clare's memory would be welcome to Planned Parenthood of Minnesota and the Alzheimer Association- Minnesota.