



## Cynthia Ann Arbisi

January 12, 1930 - August 28, 2024

The world lost a kind, but firm, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and educator who was a gracious hostess and a stylish dresser with a discerning musical ear when Cynthia Ann (Heine) Arbisi died peacefully and with dignity on August 28, 2024 at the age of 94.

Cynthia was born and raised in Mt. Clemens, MI by a family who instilled in her the value of education, an appreciation for the arts, commitment to a faith community, and an abiding appreciation of her family's history in that community. Except for her years attending Michigan State University where she eventually earned her education degree, she lived in Mt. Clemens until moving to Minnetonka, MN with her family in 1969. Cynthia was a teacher and educator, working well into her 80's in the Hopkins schools. Cynthia was an active member of Meetinghouse Church for nearly 40 years.

Cynthia served as the generational glue that bound her family together, hosting holidays that included dishes and cocktails served by her mother and grandmother and remembering the exploits of the previous generations. She had a large group of friends ranging from childhood to the present with whom she remained in close contact until she was no longer able. Cynthia provided nurturing support and was a steadfast presence to her children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews throughout her long life and will be dearly missed.

She is predeceased by her husband of 57 years Dominic S. Arbisi, her parents A.W. Heine, MD and Rye Donaldson Heine, and her sister Sigrid Donaldson Brown. Survived by children Paul (Donna), Mike, and Sarah;

grandchildren Madeline, Anna, Maria, and Hannah; great grandchildren Maya, Wes, and Everett.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM on September 28th at Meetinghouse Church, Edina. Cynthia's family wishes to express its gratitude to Presbyterian Homes and Optage Hospice for the loving care it provided. Memorials preferred to Meetinghouse Church.

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Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **28.** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Meetinghouse Church  
6200 Colonial Way  
Edina, MN 55436

# Tribute Wall

MK

“ Paul, Mike, and Sarah,  
My deepest condolences on your loss. While I'm sure Aunt Cindy is enjoying heaven with a sound mind and body with Uncle Dom and her family, it doesn't make her absence here in your lives any easier. Hugs, Mary Beth

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**Mary Beth Kling** - September 27, 2024 at 10:58 AM

SA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Sarah Arbisi** - September 20, 2024 at 09:15 PM

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**Sarah Arbisi** - September 20, 2024 at 09:13 PM

BH

“ *Deepest sympathy to the Arbisi family for the loss of their beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. I was a student at Hopkins High school in the 1980's and had her as a substitute many times. All of the teachers I had, she is the one that I remember the most and thought of many times after graduation. She was a long term sub in one of my English classes - I learned more from her in those few short weeks than I did in all the years prior. When my son started school at North Jr many years later I was happily surprised to find she was his Study Hall teacher. I still think of her often.*

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**Barbara (Lowe) Hively** - September 17, 2024 at 10:17 PM

SA

*Barbara, thank you so much for your kind words and the memories of my/our mother, Nana, Aunt and dear friend. She loved you kids, and I saw it as I was a Para at NJH for three years when mom taught there. I would step in the room at times and see her interact with you kids and she had such a command of the room. The connection she had with the kids and also the teachers was very special. I am so glad that your son was able to experience mom's expertise, compassion of teaching and care for the students. We will miss her very much and are blessed by your words and memories of mom. Thank you so much!*

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**Sarah Arbisi** - September 20, 2024 at 09:05 PM