



## Cynthia Marie Boes

August 3, 1957 - August 8, 2021

Cynthia Marie Boes, age 64, passed away on Sunday, August 8. Cynthia (Cindy to the world) was a beloved daughter, sister, aunt, cousin and friend. Preceded in death by sister Karen Oman and brother Ronald Boes (died in infancy). Survived by parents, Vernon and Lois Boes; sister Sandra O'Brien (Kevin); nephews and nieces - godson Casey O'Brien (Tricia), Brady O'Brien (Jade), Shane O'Brien, Jennifer Oman (Nick Merchant and Hudson) and Lindsay Ring; also Jim and Mahideh Oman and Annie Isler. Also survived by constant friends Richard Stroncek, Mary Upson, other beloved godchildren including Hanna Hudrlik, Chloe Figueroa, and Troy Kokkinen along with many other close friends and our dear "Lunch Cousins."

Cynthia was born in Estherville, Iowa and was the middle daughter of three girls. The family moved to the Twin Cities when she was a young teen. She attended St. Margaret's Academy and then Benilde-St. Margaret's for her senior year, where she won the contest to write the words to the new school song, still in use today. She then attended the College of St. Catherine and was very proud to be a "Katie" and met some of her lifelong friends there. She was a lover of travel and adventure, and after graduation was thrilled to work for Northwest Airlines and continued working there for almost 30 years. She retired early as a part of the Northwest/Delta merger and after discovery of advanced breast cancer.

In her own quiet way, Cynthia was very strong in spirit and in her convictions. She was passionate and active in her causes of gun violence prevention,

animal protection, children in poverty and politics. But she was even more fiercely supportive and protective of her family. She was the fun aunt, always attending the concerts, plays, and sporting events; helping with the birthday parties, and the world's best baby sitter. She was an accomplished pianist, enjoyed singing and dancing, had a wonderful sense of humor, traveled as much as she was able, and had many adventures and misadventures in her life. She also was the proud owner of her pet cat Rosealie. Her greatest achievement was her kindness to others. She's an inspiration to us all in how she handled the adversity and challenges in her life with cheerfulness, patience and courage. She will be dearly missed.

We are indebted to the many nurses and doctors and staff who became fond of Cindy over the years and were so kind to her, including Dr. Katherine Chang, Dr. Christopher Vye and the Paracentesis staff at Fairview Southdale Hospital. Especially appreciate the honesty and care in her final decision-making days at Fairview Southdale Hospital and to the care of the hovering nurse angels at NC Little Hospice.

Mass of Christian Burial on Monday, August 16 at 11:00 am with visitation beginning at 10:00 am at St. Gabriel the Archangel-St. Joseph Campus, 1310 Mainstreet, Hopkins, MN 55343. In lieu of flowers, if you would like to make a donation on behalf of Cynthia, please donate to any charity supporting animal welfare or children in poverty.

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# Cemetery Details

## St. Margaret's Cemetery (Minnetonka)

Bren Rd & Shady Oak Rd  
Minnetonka, MN 55343

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church - St. Joseph Campus  
1310 Mainstreet  
Hopkins, MN 55343

## Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church - St. Joseph Campus  
1310 Mainstreet  
Hopkins, MN 55343

# Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Mass of Christian Burial for Cynthia Marie Boes in memory of Cynthia Marie Boes



Washburn-McReavy - August 14, 2021 at 04:50 PM

TB

“ Remembering her wonderful and gentle soul will forever remain in our hearts. May she rest in peace and be with God in Heaven! Have some great memories as young cousins back when we had our family's gatherings. Our most sincere condolences. Love, Tom, Jenine, Chris & Nic Boes



Tom&Jenine Boes - August 16, 2021 at 10:53 AM

MU

“ Cindy and I were close friends for nearly 25 years. We met shortly after graduating from St. Kate's and never knew each other in college but realized we had mutual friends but just hung out in different circles. I always felt like the angels brought us together to support one another. Both of us shared a deep love of music. Cindy was my closest confidante and we shared all of our hopes, dreams, sorrows and our deepest longings. She was always there for me. She will be in my heart forever.

Mary Upson - August 15, 2021 at 02:21 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Cynthia Marie Boes.*



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August 14, 2021 at 10:15 PM



“ *Your friends at Moms Demand Action purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Cynthia Marie Boes.*



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**Your friends at Moms Demand Action** - August 14, 2021 at 11:19 AM



“ *Dear Sandra and Parents of Cynthia, my sincere condolences and prayers for your family.*



*Cindy, my dear loyal, most kind and compassionate friend. I will forever cherish precious memories of our dinners shared at The Good Earth, our trip to Cozumel enjoying snorkeling and the ocean colors, quiet creative evenings making greeting cards and our long telephone conversations sharing. I am forever grateful for our friendship, you taught me so much through your hope and patience. I miss you so much. Love, Terri*

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**Terri Gamboa** - August 13, 2021 at 09:46 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Cynthia Marie Boes.*



August 12, 2021 at 04:53 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Cynthia Marie Boes.*



August 12, 2021 at 04:53 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cynthia Marie Boes.*



August 12, 2021 at 02:11 PM



“ *Dear Lois, Vernon, Sandra, Family and Friends, It was our privilege to provide care for Cindy. Our hearts go out to you as we send our love.*

*Your Friends at Little Hospice*

**Little Hospice** - August 12, 2021 at 01:11 PM

JO

“ Cindy and I so enjoyed life in the 80's ... listening to the Mary Jane Alm band, going to various restaurants, and traveling. How I loved and admired her gentleness and grace. She occupies a place in my heart.

JoLynn Klev

JoLynn - August 12, 2021 at 08:00 AM

VL

“ Cindy was the most soft spoken person and always willing to help.

Valerie Lee

Valerie Lee - August 12, 2021 at 02:26 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Cynthia Marie Boes.



August 11, 2021 at 06:17 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Cynthia Marie Boes.



August 11, 2021 at 10:15 AM

SB

“ *Cousin Cynthia was a person of deep faith and a gentle spirit. I remember our days playing together at Grandma Boes' house near Breda, Iowa. She would always remind us of Grandma's cookie drawer. It was always full of cookies, just like Heaven!*

*Eternal rest grant unto you, Cynthia. Rest in Peace.*

*Fr. Steven Boes*

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**Steven Edward Boes** - August 11, 2021 at 09:30 AM

CH

“ *Cindy encouraged me to become more politically active! I loved that when she could, she would fly to D.C. to listen and advocate! We should all be do strong! She's organizing with Paul Wellstone and others now! We should all strive to be like Cindy! Thank you Cindy and keep it up !*

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**Carol Harstad** - August 10, 2021 at 11:17 PM

LM

*Rest In Peace Cindy.*

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**Lenore Miller** - August 11, 2021 at 05:45 PM

MK

“ Sweet cousin Cynthia, I will miss you! I have so many wonderful memories of great times shared with you in our childhood...the weeks staying at each other's houses in the summer, exploring the farm at my home and the city at yours, writing long letters in which we would exchange holy cards, night games in your neighborhood, going dancing and on and on! We reconnected as adults with our Cousins' Lunch group which formed a new bond with the Reinhart side!

*We made new memories and had a lot of laughs!*

*I will cherish all of my memories of you. You were a bright light in the world which will continue to shine in the hearts of those who knew you.*

*XoXo*

*Mary Reinhart Kollen*

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**Mary Kollen** - August 10, 2021 at 08:53 PM