



## Dianne Theresa Kocon

May 16, 1942 - September 28, 2025

Dianne "Tootie" Kocon, age 83, of Columbia Heights, MN, passed away unexpectedly but peacefully at home on Sunday, September 28, 2025. She was born on May 16th, 1942, to

Brunis and Marcella Miskowic.

She is preceded in death by her parents, brothers; David, Richard, Jerry; sisters Arlene, Marilyn and Joanne.

Dianne is survived and missed by Larry, her husband of 61 years; her sister Kathy (Duane)

Stauffacher; sister-in-law Alice Miskowic; her children Robert (Lisa) Kocon, Deborah (Rob)

Davis, Jeff Kocon (Marg Dorn), Catherine Kocon and Lisa Kocon; her grandchildren Cecilia

Kocon, Sarah (Tyler) Boie and Adam (Jess) Davis; her great-grandchildren Nora, Henry, Oliver,

Charlie and two more precious little ones come spring. She is also survived by many cherished family and friends.

Dianne and Larry grew up together on the same block, graduated from the same high school

and even worked together at the A&W on Marshall St. in NE Minneapolis.

Little did they know that their childhood friendship would blossom into a lifelong marriage that started on January 18th, 1964. Dianne was a stay-at-home mom and as their family grew, they decided to build a house near their childhood homes on Main St. in Columbia Heights, MN. She made that house a home, raising her five children and being a second mom to all of their friends. She especially adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The holidays were a special time as she watched them fill the air with excitement. Dianne would also make sure that everyone always had a place at her table. Her kind and accepting nature made people feel safe and loved.

Dianne also enjoyed fishing, golfing and spending time at their lake place on East Battle Lake.

"The Lot" quickly became a gathering spot for family outings, softball tournaments and eventually the annual two-day golf event.

Her true passion, though, was gambling. You could often find her at local establishments

playing bingo, pull tabs or anything she could make a bet on. If she heard someone say "Las

Vegas" or "casino", it would make her light up, even if she didn't get there as often as she would've liked.

Dianne will be deeply missed. Her generosity, strength and love will live in the hearts of all who knew her.

A memorial service will be held at Immaculate Conception Church in

Columbia Heights (4030

Jackson St NE) on Thursday, October 16, 2025. Visitation at 10:00 am with

Mass of Christian

Burial at 11:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to St. Jude

Children's Research

Hospital.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
4030 Jackson Street Northeast  
Columbia Heights, MN 55421

## Mass of Christian Burial

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

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# Tribute Wall

SN

“ Spring & Braden Nielsen purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Dianne Theresa Kocon.



Spring & Braden Nielsen - October 13, 2025 at 08:12 PM

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“ Spring & Braden Nielsen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dianne Theresa Kocon.

Spring & Braden Nielsen - October 13, 2025 at 08:12 PM

LP

“ Loree and Paul purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dianne Theresa Kocon.



Loree and Paul - October 13, 2025 at 08:46 AM

MH

“ So very sorry to hear. Diane was a wonderful woman. Always kind and funny. She had a big heart.  
Please know we send our love and thoughts to the whole family ❤️

Meredith Howe - October 10, 2025 at 04:37 PM

PB

“ So very, very sorry for your loss. I have so many great childhood memories of watching your family grow, as far back as the apartment where Bobby was born, watching the construction as the family helped build the new house, staying at your house to help when new babies arrived, lunches with her and my mom in your kitchen as I grew up...  
My heart goes out to all who love her. She was one in a million and I know how much you will miss her.

*With love,*

*Peggy*

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**Peggy Boisen** - October 10, 2025 at 02:06 PM