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March 1, 1936 - December 3, 2023

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Donna Jean (Reese) Roemer passed away peacefully on December 3, 2023. She was born March 1, 1936, to Earl and Carolyn (Bittner) Reese. The third of four sisters, she grew up in Winona, MN, and graduated from Winona High School in 1954.

Donna married Walter Scherbring in Winona in June, 1954. Walter passed away seven years later, leaving her a widow at the age of 25. Independent and strong, she began working at Watkins Co. in Winona, embraced being "the cool aunt" to her numerous nieces and nephews, and bought herself a Mustang convertible.

In 1966, she met and fell in love with Jim (Henry James) Roemer, and they were married on July 22, 1967. They moved to the Twin Cities, settling in New Hope, where they welcomed two children: Henry "Stephen" in 1970 and Krista Marie in 1972. She was extremely proud of her family, and was a loving and supportive wife and mother. She and Jim enjoyed hosting friends for "card club," and she played a mean 500. In the early '80s, she began working for Robbinsdale School District 281, where she held multiple roles for over two decades. Imagine her children's delight when she began her position as hall

monitor at their high school!

Donna dearly loved her children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews, and enjoyed keeping up with their lives and accomplishments. She will be missed and remembered by many.

Donna is survived by her son Stephen (Tiffany) Roemer of Maple Grove; daughter Krista (Bill Szlaius) Cavanaugh-Szlaius of Dallas, TX; grandchildren Veronica Carolyn, Serena Josephine, and William Theodore Cavanaugh, and Maxwell Joseph Henry Roemer; sisters-in-law Mary Orłowski-Lindner and Peggy Jenson; and many nieces and nephews.

Donna was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 56 years, Jim Roemer; parents Earl and Carolyn Reese; sisters Nancy Springer, LaVonne Kowalewski, and Sandra Matthees; brothers-in-law Don Springer, Dick Kowalewski, Gordon Matthees, and Mike Jenson; sister-in-law Dorothy (Kathy) Roemer, and her first husband, Walter Scherbring.

A private family service will be held. In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift in Donna's honor to the U of M's Parkinson's Disease Research Fund: <https://give.umn.edu/giveto/DonnaRoemerMemorial>

Tribute Wall

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“ *Jim and Donna were the best!! We lived next door for many years. I used to lift our daughter Megan up when she was little, and she'd talk to Donna through the kitchen window when Donna was doing dishes.
Donna would have that million dollar sweet smile and say I love you Megan and Megan would say I love you Donna!!
Priceless memories*

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