



Doris Arlyne Nelson

November 13, 1936 - August 28, 2022

Nelson, Doris A. age 85 of Edina, MN left us peacefully on August 28, 2022. After enjoying dinner and conversation with her daughter and relaxing before bedtime with her usual glass of crisp white wine, she went to sleep. Doris Arlyne (née Archer) Nelson was born November 13, 1936, in Finley, North Dakota, the daughter of Arthur "Babe" and Gladys (née Cuthbertson) Archer. All her long life, Mom carried happy memories and wonderful family stories from her childhood in the small farm town. Her great grandparents had settled in Absaraka, North Dakota and were among the first homesteading pioneers to cut sod for huts and trees for houses on the North Dakota prairie. Doris and her sister Mary enjoyed visiting their cousins on the Madsen family farm and working in town at the movie theater their father owned. Before the girls started high school, Babe moved the family to south Minneapolis, as he felt the city held more opportunity for his two daughters. Doris graduated from Washburn High School and Macalester College in St. Paul. The Archer sisters each met the loves of their lives in Minneapolis: Two young men, both by the name of Nelson, both studying for careers in dentistry. On June 22, 1957 Doris was joined in marriage to Bruce Maynard Nelson in Minneapolis. Doris and Bruce moved to Stuttgart West Germany where Bruce served in the U.S. Army Dental Corps from 1960 to 1963. They returned to Minnesota with their first son, Steven, and lived in Golden Valley for over thirty years, welcoming two more children: Gail and Tony, and six grandchildren. Summers Doris and Bruce brought the family to their Wisconsin cabins, first on Matthews Lake

and then Lac Court Oreilles, where in retirement they made their summer home. The Nelson and Woodbury families continue to enjoy generations-long family friendships formed in Golden Valley and on the shores and docks of Matthews Lake and Lac Courte Oreilles. Doris and Bruce's winter home in retirement was at Highland Woods in Bonita Springs, FL. Doris loved playing Scrabble and bridge and competed regularly at the Golden Valley Country Club (MN), the Hayward Golf Club (WI), and the Highland Woods Golf Club (FL) where she took some pride in being known as "The Queen of No-Trump". She had many friends and cherished spending as much time as possible with them and with her family. Doris was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years Dr. Bruce Maynard Nelson, DDS, parents Arthur "Babe" and Gladys Archer, sister and brother-in-law Mary and Dr. Lee Nelson, DDS, two brothers-in-law Stuart and Gerald Nelson, father- and mother-in-law Dr. Maynard and Cora (née Bennet) Nelson, and her grandson Graham Richard Bruce Nelson. Doris is survived by her three children, Steve Nelson of Woodbury, MN, Tony (Candace) Nelson of Crystal, MN; and Gail (Dan) Woodbury of Crystal, MN; six grandchildren, Dr. Dane Nelson DDS (Dr. Miranda Mulligan DDS), Drew (Jeannie) Nelson, Hannah (Luke) Kaney, Tommy Woodbury (Nora Byington), and Bridger Nelson; one great-granddaughter; two sisters-in-law, Beverly Nelson and Janet Nelson, and six nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at 6:00 pm October 5 at the Washburn- McReavy Glen Haven Chapel, Crystal MN, with visitation beginning one hour prior. Interment will take place at a later time in Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Memorials preferred to the National Eye Institute nei.nih.gov/about/... Washburn-McReavy.com Glen Haven Chapel 763-533-8643 5125 W. Broadway, Crystal, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 5. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Memorial Service

OCT 5. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Graveside Service

OCT 20. 9:00 AM - 9:15 AM (CT)

Fort Snelling National Cemetery
7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Tribute Wall

LI

“ Liz, Kathy, Lori, Maryanne purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Doris Arlyne Nelson.



Liz, Kathy, Lori, Maryanne - September 27, 2022 at 01:21 PM

LB

“ I am so sorry to hear this. Doris and Bruce were the first people I met when we were in Germany. We quickly became best friends and have remained so since then. Granted, we haven't been in touch lately but she called me when Jack passed in April. She and Bruce have been the kindest, funest (if that is a word), and most respected people we have ever known. My condolences to the whole Nelson clan. Sincerely, Louise Bogan

Louise Bogan - September 25, 2022 at 11:01 AM

LS

Steve and family--So sorry for your loss! May your happy memories and love of God, family and friends help you through this difficult time. God bless you all!

Lois Smoltz - September 25, 2022 at 12:18 PM

GW

Thank you Lois.

Gail Nelson Woodbury - September 28, 2022 at 09:55 AM

TN

Louise, Mom and Dad talked of you and Jack often. I know mom also appreciated all the emails Jack sent her way throughout the years. I would often hear Mom let out a laugh while sitting at her computer and I'd ask what's so funny... and Mom would respond "Oh, just an email from Jack." We appreciate the note and our condolences to you as well.

Tony Nelson - October 06, 2022 at 09:49 AM