



Eileen Mae Westburg

July 31, 1931 - April 1, 2023

Eileen Mae Westburg (Dahlman) of Minnetonka, Minnesota passed away peacefully at her home on April 1, 2023 at the age of 91. She was born on July 31, 1931 at the Swedish Hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Carl and Myrtle Dahlman. Eileen spent her entire childhood in South Minneapolis, graduating from Central High School in 1949. After high school, Eileen went on to complete her nurse's training at Lutheran Deaconess School of Nursing in Minneapolis, MN in 1952. The nurse training program didn't allow students to be married, so she worked for one year as a nurse at Deaconess before marrying Robert Wilson in 1953. Eileen and Robert moved to Duluth, MN in 1954 where he had an internship for medical school. While in Duluth, Eileen continued her nursing career at St. Luke's Hospital until they moved back to Richfield, MN to start their family. Eileen and Robert lived in Richfield, MN and Bloomington, MN for 23 years where they raised their six children and participated at Bloomington Baptist Church and in their community.

After Robert passed away in 1984, Eileen, widely known for her excellent cooking, started her own catering business that became very successful. She ran the business for 13 years serving all kinds of couples, events, and groups. In 1986, Eileen married Del Westburg, who she knew from her childhood, and with whom she made a home in Minnetonka. In 1991, Eileen took a refresher course in nursing at Normandale Community College. She then worked as a nurse at Castle Ridge Care Center for 25 years, retiring at the age of 85. In

her later years, she was very active in various church groups and functions. She continued to host and cook for her ever-expanding family and her recipes have become cherished family traditions. She was tenacious, warm, full of love, and never let any obstacle get in the way of what she set out to do. Throughout her life, Eileen had an unwavering dedication to her faith in Jesus Christ. She found deep hope in Jesus and faithfully studied and clung to His words in scripture. Of all the things she leaves behind, this is a legacy her family and friends will treasure.

Eileen is preceded in death by her first husband, Robert (Bob) Wilson; and sisters, Lois Bolen and Marilyn Brown. She is survived by husband, Del Westburg; sister-in-law, Shirley Sjolund; children, Peter Wilson (Ellen), Tom Wilson (Marcia), Shari Cullen (Steve), Michael Wilson, Steven Wilson (Robin), Danny Wilson (Elizabeth); 17 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by Del's children, Lynda Talman (Ishi), Mark Westburg (Barb), Reid Westburg (Beth), and 4 grandchildren.

Reviewal to be held Thursday, April 13, from 4-7 PM at Washburn-McReavy Eden Prairie Chapel. Memorial service on Saturday, May 20th at 1 PM at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 720 13th Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55415. Memorials preferred to Jericho Road Ministries.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **13**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Eden Prairie Chapel
7625 Mitchell Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Memorial Service

MAY **20**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Bethlehem Baptist Church (Downtown Campus)
720 - 13th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *from Eileen's cousin*
I have many fond memories of Eileen. I remember many reunions. Eileen would come a little bit late, and she always brought her delicious pies. Everyone would scramble to get a piece. I will always remember her beautiful smile and her twinkly eyes. I looked up to her! She was beautiful inside and out. She leaves behind a great legacy and many people who loved her.
Judy Wicklund Smith

Judy Wicklund Snith - May 16, 2023 at 12:13 PM

EC

“ *I'm very sorry to hear of Eileen's passing. I often wondered how she was doing. I remember family reunions where everyone brought food. She often brought peach pie, one of my favorites. I think she knew that, which may have been one reason she brought it. She looked so much younger & had a great smile.*
Gary Wicklund (and Elaine)

Eileen's cousin. - May 06, 2023 at 05:01 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eileen Mae Westburg.*



April 13, 2023 at 03:48 PM

LC

“ Eileen was my Mom’s best friend for life, and a shining example of how to be one. This picture is how I remember her. That sparkle in her eyes!

Sending condolences and lots of love your way. LeeAnn Dahlquist Cook

Lee Cook - April 10, 2023 at 05:51 PM

KM

“ I worked with Eileen at Castle Ridge until she retired. She only worked one weekend a month (if I'm remembering correctly) but she was Johnny on the spot. One would think she worked everyday. She was loved by all of the staff and the residents. She had a great sense of humor and I was always in awe of all the great things she did. Exceptional nurse and beautiful woman!!!

Karen Moruri - April 10, 2023 at 04:22 PM

CE

“ Our sympathy to Del and family. We enjoyed Eileen's wit, humor and love for Jesus. We met her in King's Friend's Sunday school class at Bethlehem Baptist downtown. Her well worn Bible and great comments in class were always a blessing. Summertime visits on top of the garage were enjoyable as well as seeing her beautiful hostas. She served the Lord and her family well as a busy caterer feeding many folks with her skill and sweet demeanor. She is now celebrating with her King, Lord and Savior. Mark and Connie Evans

Connie Evans - April 10, 2023 at 07:21 AM

MA

I knew Eileen and Bob at Bloomington Baptist Church. I have fond memories of going to buffet parties at their house - her specialty then was cheese fondue! Eileen catered my son's rehearsal dinner. Such a special lady!

Mary N.

Mary - April 13, 2023 at 09:23 AM