



Jane Lee Herrmann

November 12, 2017

Herrmann, Jane Lee Known best to the people of Minneapolis as the "Ice Cream Lady," or "Merry Bell," her "Popeye the Sailor Man" tune tinkled out in advance of bomb pops and orange- sicles as she delighted in dispensing treats and making children happy. It was not uncommon for her to be featured in the evening news on hot summer days, as in many years, she was a top ice cream seller in the city. Born in Minot, ND on January 12, 1947, to Frederick and Deloris Herrmann, she became second oldest of six children. She enjoyed ballet lessons, a gift from her great uncle and as an adult, returned the gift of ballet lessons to her niece. She put herself through Sacred Heart Academy in Minot, graduated from Northern State college in Aberdeen, SD, with a B.A. in Art Education and in Spanish Language, as well as taking coursework at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, off and on for many years. Passion for art guided her early life. After obtaining her B.A.in Art Education, she accepted the role of Director of Art at Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, near Batesland, SD. She went on in her next role, to develop the Career Education and Art programs at the Pierre Indian Learning Center, in Pierre, SD. She painted while in SD, and her paintings grace the walls of many Dakota public spaces, including the Ramkota Inn in Watertown, SD. She acquired a Master's degree in Industrial Relations from the U of M in her pursuit of lifelong learning, and evolving career goals. Her life exemplified her love of human nature and diversity. She studied Spanish as an International Student in Mexico and developed a love for Native American cultural artwork.

She habitually took delight in the quirks and eccentricities of those around her, and she actively sought out spaces where human behavior could be observed. She had an eye for the beautiful and a talent for interior design and flower arrangement. That talent spilled into helping those around her to have beauty in their lives, be it clothes, flowers, toys, games, and lots of laughter. Above all, she loved her family, her grandma and grandpa from Silva, ND, her dad, brothers sisters, nieces and nephews. If one thing can be said about Jane, it is that she was as generous as the widow in the Bible who gave all she had. She is preceded in death by her parents, Frederick and Deloris (Nelson) Herrmann, her older brother Fred Jr., her younger brother, David, and her niece, Amanda. She is survived by her brother Charles, his wife, Jackie, sister Elaine and husband Joe (Austin, TX), niece Autumn (Portland, OR), sister Sandra (Minneapolis) niece Kjirsten (San Francisco,CA), sister-in-law Linda Herrmann (Fred M.), nephew Chad and family (Yankton, SD). A funeral mass will be held at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, November 19th at St. Albert the Great Catholic Church, 2836 33rd Ave. South, Minneapolis. Flowers are very welcome (blue is her favorite) to be sent to Washburn-McCreavy, Minneapolis. A celebration of life will be held this coming Spring in rural Minot, ND. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100