



Jeannine Mary McDonald

September 18, 1934 - August 17, 2025

Mrs. Jeannine Mary McDonald, daughter of the late Charles C. Van Horn and Lucille Reid Van Horn was born September 18, 1934 in Detroit, Michigan. Died Sunday, August 17, 2025 at Harbor Crossing, White Bear Lake, MN. Preceded in death by husband John A. McDonald and daughter Sharon (McDonald) Van Houten. Survived by brother Michael Van Horn, sons John and Daniel (Kimberly) McDonald, and grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Visitation 10:00am and service at 11:00am on August 29, 2025 at Washburn-McReavy, 515 Highway 96 W., Shoreview MN 55126. Family and friends are invited to a Lunch to follow.

Tenacity and perseverance were Jeannine's hallmarks. After serving in a variety of occupations including an administrative assistant for the Mounds View School District, Jeannine launched her career as a Realtor in midlife. She quickly rose to become a top producer for Realty World-Lund. She focused on New Brighton and surrounding areas. She had a bulldog-like instinct for protecting her clients. As she gained success she was wooed to Edina Realty, then Coldwell Banker. "Hundreds of Homes Successfully Sold" was her tagline.

In later years Jeannine enjoyed spending time in Tucson, Arizona in the winter with husband John. Both in Minnesota and Arizona she loved visiting shops of

all kinds to buy a wide variety and large volume of vintage trinkets, beads, baubles and jewels, at one point living her dream of running a small antique shop.

Even as she approached 90 years old, she lived in her longtime home and managed her daily chores. Ever the wheeler-dealer, she used her "little old lady" charm to cut the best deals with repairmen, store owners, and other service providers. She once returned a book because she "didn't like the ending." And they took it back. Even as her memory faded in recent months, she would still show flashes of her quick retorts. "I hope you don't tell anybody else that because then they'll know you're stupid."

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to animal protection charities or the choice of the donor.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Shoreview Chapel
515 Highway 96 West
Shoreview, MN 55126

Memorial Service

AUG 29. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Reception

AUG 29. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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