



Karen Lysbeth Ciske

December 28, 1937 - August 16, 2020

of Arden Hills, passed away at age 82 into the arms of Jesus on August 16, 2020 with her husband, Don, holding her hand. Born in Chicago on December 28, 1937, she graduated as co-valedictorian from Schurz High School. Karen attended Kalamazoo College and Northwestern University, receiving both her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and her RN degrees. She then received her Master's Degree from the University of Minnesota.

Karen had a lifelong passion for nursing education and taught at Illinois Masonic in Chicago and Midway Hospital in St. Paul and retired as Assistant Professor after 19 years of teaching at Bethel University.

With ability and a great love of music, she became her church's piano accompanist at age 13 and later was organist at Presbyterian Church of the Way in Shoreview for 26 years.

Preceded in death by her brother, William Atkinson, parents, Cleo and Harry Atkinson and Aunt, Imogene Connor. Karen is survived by her loving husband of 62 years, Don Ciske, granddaughter Melissa deWidt, goddaughter, Amanda Chen, cousins, Jan Kimes and Donna Thompson, nephews Geoffrey, Todd, and Paul Atkinson, grand nieces, many friends and colleagues.

A memorial service will be held at Christ Presbyterian Church, 6901 Normandale Rd., Edina, at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, August 31st with reviewal ½ hour prior to service. To attend either, you must register by phone at 952.920.8515 ext. 246. or email care@cpconline.org

Memorials may be sent to Christ Presbyterian Church, Edina, MN or to

Karen's nursing scholarship at Bethel University.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Karen's family. She was wonderful* ❤️

Rebecca Thomas - August 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Karen was a wonderful part of the Bethel University family. Her love for her students, colleagues, and nursing was evident to all. She was also a prayer warrior, joining the President's Prayer Council for several years. Karen will be deeply missed, but her influence lives on in the lives of many.*

Jay & Barb Barnes - August 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM