



## Karen Elaine Westphal

January 18, 1941 - May 22, 2025

Arden Hills, MN - Karen Elaine Westphal (Williams), age 84, passed away peacefully May 22nd, 2025 after a 15 year battle with Alzheimer's. She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters. Karen is survived by her devoted husband, Warren who cared lovingly for her as well as her two daughters, Susan Westphal-Olson and Valerie Payne. She is also survived by her brother, Lowell Williams. Karen was a devoted Mother, a kind and gentle spirit with a quick wit who fostered friendships wherever she went. She was a registered nurse and began her career in the Emergency Department and then moved to pediatrics for the majority of her 37 years at Hennepin Health. She was a long standing member at First Christian Church Mpls where she also served as Chair of the Board. Karen was a talented soloist, chorus singer, choir member, cello player, avid book reader, seamstress, quilter and helped resettle refugees. She also volunteered regularly at food pantries and served food at a local soup kitchen. Her Celebration of Life will take place at First Christian Church at Spring House Ministries located at 610 W 28th St. Mpls, 55408 at 1pm on Saturday, June 7th. In lieu of flowers, donations dedicated in honor of Karen can be made to the Alzheimer's Association @ [alz.org](https://www.alz.org)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Karen was a favorite cousin, always fun to be with and so talented. We shared so many wonderful Williams’ family get-togethers. I remember seeing her in the lead in her high school musical, Brigadoon. May all of your loving memories comfort you now as you cherish Karen. Jane Mitchell Boyd

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**Jane Boyd** - June 03, 2025 at 08:22 PM

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Karen and Warren enjoyed many visits to Canada to her father’s uncle Roy’s island. They were a loving couple and we were glad they visited use a few short years ago and enjoyed their company at our family vacation home. We will miss her wonderful personality and loving nature. Keith & Loveda Mitchell

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**Keith Mitchell** - June 03, 2025 at 10:14 PM