



Mrs. Karin Ann Neimeyer

February 2, 1932 - August 25, 2019

Neimeyer, Karin Mattson Loving wife, mother, grandmother, teacher, and friend, Karin Mattson Neimeyer passed away on August 25, 2019 embraced by a sense of peace. She was 87 years old and had bravely battled illness for a number of years. She was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, John, parents, Dr. Hamlin and Esther Mattson, as well as her brother, Peter. She is survived by her two children, John Neimeyer and Martha (John) Gart, and her grandchildren Evan and Jillian, great-grandchildren Colin and Jade, sister Martha (Roy) Johnson, and sister-in-law, Nancy (Ted) Weyerhaeuser and their extended family. The eldest of three children, Karin was born on February 2, 1932 in Aberdeen, South Dakota. She spent her formative years in Edina, Minnesota. Karin attended DePauw University in Indiana and later received her undergraduate degree in Liberal Arts and her teaching certification from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, where she was an Alpha Phi. Karin was a devoted and talented teacher and was once named runner-up for Teacher-of-the-Year for the state of Minnesota. As a teacher of first grade, she knew the power of experiential education decades before it gained its current popularity. Karin was a talented athlete and won the Amateur State Diving Championship, representing the Minneapolis Athletic Club. She also was a single's figure skating champion. While skiing at Mt. Normandale near Minneapolis, friends introduced Karin to her future husband. In later years, she and John enjoyed family summer and ski vacations in Aspen and Snowmass, Colorado. An active member of the Minneapolis

Woman's Club, where she was married, and WAMSO, (now called Friends of the Minnesota Orchestra), Karin helped to connect people of all ages and abilities to music. Some of her favorite years were spent as a docent at the Winterthur Museum [now the Museum, Garden & Library], in Wilmington, Delaware where she specialized in the Queen Anne period of American Decorative Arts and Design. Her insights into the Queen Anne style reflected her love of history and her passion for travel to historic places. Above all, she loved her family, and among their sweet remembrances was her love of cooking and baking and how she would prepare intricate pastries and decorative spritz cookies at Christmas. Karin had an abiding faith in God, even as her illness took from her the ability to enjoy many things that she held dear. Her family is deeply grateful for the care she received at the Jones Harrison Nursing Residence, especially from Reverend Monica Powers, Nurse Angie, and the entire devoted staff. Angie always remarked on Karin's sunny disposition and the laughter they shared together. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice or: Jones-Harrison Residence, 3700 Cedar Lake Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55416; or the Winterthur Museum, Garden and Library, C/O Development, Winterthur, DE, 19735 or Grace Hospice, 1015 4th Avenue North Suite 206, Mpls., MN, 55405. A memorial service will be held at Lakewood Cemetery Chapel, 3600 Hennepin Ave. S., Mpls. at 10 AM on Wednesday, August 28, 2019. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)

3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408