



Karla Kaye Bany

January 3, 1940 - April 21, 2023

Bany, Karla K. Age 83 of Elk River, formerly of Coon Rapids died on April 21, 2023. Survived by husband Paul; children Scott (Julie), Lori (Jeff) Motschenbacher, Curtis (Britte), & Angie (Mike) Schmidt; 9 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren. Private Graveside service to be held at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery. Washburn-McReavy.com Coon Rapids Chapel 763-767-1000

Karla K Bany, 83, of Elk River and formally Coon Rapids, MN, passed away April 21, 2023, at Guardian Angels Care Center

She was born on the family farm in Frederika, Iowa, the daughter of Emil and Alice (Johnson) Tonn. Karla graduated from Frederika High School as the valedictorian of her class in 1957. She married Paul Bany in 1958. They lived in Iowa, California, Virginia, and France before settling in Minnesota.

Karla would say she worked as a secretary before the modern-day administrative assistant became the norm. She was on speed-dial for some of us as a spelling consultant before spell check became a thing. She also spent many years as a day care provider for little ones who were like part of her family. Karla always loved her flower gardens and like most of us, detested the weeds.

After retirement, there were trips in the "WinneBany" and the RV to visit family

and warmer destinations. They recently moved from their Coon Rapids neighborhood to Pullman Place in Elk River. And last summer she began living in Guardian Angels Memory Care Center... the beginning of many levels of goodbye.

She was preceded in death her parents Emil and Alice Tonn, and sister, Darlene Webb. Survived by husband, Paul; children Scott (Julie), Lori (Jeff) Motschenbacher, Curt (Britte), and Angie (Mike) Schmidt; grandchildren Michael, Samantha, David, Danielle, Kyle, Kaitlyn, Tyler, Abby, and Katie; and great-grandchildren Jax, Abel, Fiona, Carsen, Cameron, and Asher.

A private graveside service will be held at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Memorials to the Alzheimer Association.

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450