



Kathleen A. Garry

November 14, 1939 - September 11, 2023

Kathleen A. Garry, A Life of Purpose, Empathy, Wanderlust

"I'm checking-out at 72." A woman who knew her mind, until she didn't, has left us at age 83. In the wake of memory, is the best mom in the world, a feminist akin to Dorothy Day, a wonderful sense of humor, and a lover of the arts, travel, pets, civil rights, and her family.

A realistic dreamer born in 1939 in Sioux Falls, SD, Kathleen went to New York to become a poet, got married 'under a tree in Brooklyn Heights,' to Vincent F. Garry, Jr. from the Bronx, NY. Their nearly 60 year marriage, schooling, and passions brought them to live in four states-MI, KS, MD, MN- and travel across the US, Europe, and Egypt. Her children, Kelley Garry Marschall (Chuck Marschall), Michael Garry (Amanda Hand), and Sara Garry (Peteris Skujins), share many of her same passions and have innumerable stories of laughter, love, and happy accidents with their mom. Kathleen's grandchildren, Oscar Marschall, Finn and Elsa Garry, Francis and Milo Garry-Skujins, know her as a loving presence, who gave warm hugs, and had tasty, yet untidy bakes. And her dear friends and mystery book co-authors, Sue Dienard and Bonnie LeRoy, know the laughter of Kathleen's sharp wit or typical tripping on a chair leg.

While interested in cultural anthropology as a career, it was her strong sense of empathy and caring that propelled Kathleen's career as an RN at the University of MN - Neurology Clinic. She became a psychologist in 1987, and held positions at a few Minneapolis-based clinics, before retiring from

MidWest Center. Additionally, she volunteered at Walk-In Counseling in the Phillips Neighborhood for several years.

Kathleen taught us to be true to ourselves, call-out injustice, and how to love. We will miss her for all the days to come.

A burial will be held on her birthday, November 14, at Lakewood Cemetery. Private celebration afterwards. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Walk-In Counseling.