



Kathryn Weesner Kyle

March 12, 1924 - February 7, 2023

Kathryn Kyle, aged 98, died peacefully in her sleep on February 7, 2023.

Born Kathryn Marie Weesner on March 12, 1924 to Lowell and Mabel Weesner in St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, she was a force to be reckoned with, living a long, impactful life.

An interior designer by education, she earned both undergraduate and master's degrees from the University of Minnesota. Kate was an interior designer with a passion for education and her first teaching assignment began at the University of Illinois. She next became the chair of the Department of Design at North Dakota State University.

Living most of her adult life in Atlanta, Kate moved to Georgia to work as the Interior Design Department Chair at both Georgia State University and at the American College of Arts and Design. She enjoyed extensive travel to Europe and Asia, which included college tours, as well as personal travel. She was known for tramping along narrow cobblestone streets in Paris in her heels and wool skirt, with impressionable students in tow.

A collector, Kate gathered unusual masks from her journeys, which she displayed across an entire house wall. Unique rings, symbolic necklaces, and statues of dragons (honoring a student-given nickname - dragon-lady)

adorned her home. Recognized for her teaching excellence, Kate was granted 2 ASID (American Society of Interior Design) awards. After her volunteer assignment with the Atlanta Preservation Society, Kate was bestowed the National Lifetime Achievement Award from the national chapter of ASID.

Kate is predeceased by her parents, and her brother-in-law, Robert Eaton. She is survived by her sister, Ruth Ann Eaton; nephews, Peter (Laura) Eaton and John (Margot McManus) Eaton; grandnephew/nieces, Erik (McKenna), Michael (Allison), Maggie, and Emily Eaton; and great-grandniece/nephews, Addison, Owen, Declan, and Camden Eaton.

A celebration of her incredibly full life will be held on Saturday, April 8th at 2 pm at Friendship Village of Bloomington, MN. Memorials may be made to the Goldstein Museum of Design, the University of Minnesota, and the Minneapolis Institute of Art.