



## Kathy Michele Heimel

January 7, 1952 - January 13, 2025

Kathy Michele Heimel passed away peacefully on January 13, 2025, in Glendale, Arizona, just days after celebrating her 73rd birthday. She was under the compassionate care of hospice following a courageous battle with ovarian cancer.

Born on January 7, 1952, in Detroit, Michigan, Kathy was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Michael Wahl (2017) and Peggy Wahl (2007). She is survived by her former spouse, Tom Heimel; her two sons, Tom Heimel (wife Cindy) and Jeff Heimel (wife Megan); six cherished grandchildren, Oliver, Leo, Christian, Preston, Mila, and Charlotte; and her brother, Tom Wahl.

Kathy and Tom Heimel raised their family in North St. Paul, Minnesota, where they nurtured their two sons into adulthood. Kathy dedicated much of her professional life to politics, serving with distinction in the Minnesota State Legislature. Her work at the State Capitol earned her admiration across party lines as she became a trusted resource for senators and representatives alike. Kathy also played a key role in organizing successful political campaigns, including presidential runs for Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush as well as George W. Bush.

In her later years, Kathy continued to make an impact through her work with the Car Donation Foundation of Minnesota, a nonprofit organization

supporting Make-A-Wish Foundation and wish.org charities-causes she held close to her heart.

Kathy's legacy of dedication and kindness will be fondly remembered by all who knew her.

Memorial service to be held on Saturday, March 29, at 3 PM at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, 5000 W 50th St, Edina, MN 55436. Visitation one hour prior. For those who are unable to attend in person, a livestream of the service will be available at [www.washburn-mcreavy.com](http://www.washburn-mcreavy.com). From Kathy's obituary page, click the blue tab that says "Photos & Videos", or if you are on a smartphone, tap on the tab that says "Media".

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Kathy's honor to The Make-A-Wish Foundation [https://secure2.wish.org/site/SPageNavigator/dfr\\_landing.html?chid=100-000](https://secure2.wish.org/site/SPageNavigator/dfr_landing.html?chid=100-000)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 29. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436

## Memorial Service

MAR 29. 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Memorial Service for Kathy Michele Heime! in memory of Kathy Michele Heime!



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Washburn-McReavy - January 28, 2025 at 05:17 PM