



## LaRee Kathleen Shebeck

May 29, 1945 - January 4, 2025

LaRee Kathleen Shebeck, age 79, of Minnetonka, passed away on January 4, 2025, after a brief illness. LaRee was born in Staples, Minnesota, in 1945 to Harry and Margaret Erbe. She was the youngest of six brothers and sisters to whom she remained close throughout her life. LaRee graduated from Staples High School in 1963 as the valedictorian of her class. She went on to study English at the University of Minnesota-Duluth and later transferred down to the Twin Cities campus. Throughout summers in college, she worked at Northwestern Bell and transitioned to working there for the remainder of her career. She was very involved in the company's Community Service Team, participating in service projects with her coworkers, many of whom became lifelong friends.

LaRee married Bob Shebeck in 1976, and together they raised two beautiful children, Patrick and Amy. The family traveled extensively and spent many happy summers with family at LaRee's brother's fishing resort in Canada. In retirement, LaRee and Bob continued to travel and volunteer with church and community groups, including teaching English-as-a-Second Language to recent immigrants to the U.S.

LaRee was very active at her church, Gethsemane Lutheran in Hopkins, which was a major source of support for her after Bob's death in 2010, and in her later life. She loved making quilts at church for Lutheran World Relief and

was involved in many other initiatives within the church community. She was also a generous philanthropist to social justice causes and throughout her life advocated on behalf of people in need.

LaRee overcame more than her fair share of adversity with courage, resilience, humility, and a wonderful sense of humor, which will continue to guide and inspire all who knew and loved her. She was wise, funny, gracious, supportive, lively, and loving-truly one of a kind.

LaRee is preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Margaret; her sister, Marlene; her brother, Glen; and her husband, Bob. She is survived by her children, Patrick and Amy of Minneapolis; her sisters, Gale (Gordon) Martin of Pillager, MN, and Marge Moriarity of St. Bonifacius, MN; her brother, Lynn (Day See) Erbe of Bozeman, MT; her sister-in-law, Karen (Craig) Allard of Woodbury, MN; and many loving nieces, nephews, and friends. The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at Methodist Hospital for the exceptional care they provided LaRee in her final days, especially Dr. Lisa Bolin and LaRee's hospice nurse, Aimee. Funeral service will be Tuesday, January 14th, at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Hopkins (715 Minnetonka Mills Road), at 11:00 am, with visitation an hour before. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to Lutheran World Relief.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gethsemane Lutheran Church (Hopkins)  
715 Minnetonka Mills Road  
Hopkins, MN 55343

## Funeral Service

JAN 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Gethsemane Lutheran Church (Hopkins)  
715 Minnetonka Mills Road  
Hopkins, MN 55343

## Reception

JAN 14. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Gethsemane Lutheran Church (Hopkins)  
715 Minnetonka Mills Road  
Hopkins, MN 55343

# Tribute Wall



“ Mark H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LaRee Kathleen Shebeck.

Mark H. - March 03, 2025 at 11:41 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of LaRee Kathleen Shebeck.



January 13, 2025 at 01:10 PM



“ Erik, Bjorn, Heidi, Jake, Isaiah, Jeremiah planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LaRee Kathleen Shebeck.

Erik, Bjorn, Heidi, Jake, Isaiah, Jeremiah - January 13, 2025 at 09:32 AM



“ Erik, Bjorn, Heidi, Jake, Isaiah, Jeremiah purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of LaRee Kathleen Shebeck.



Erik, Bjorn, Heidi, Jake, Isaiah, Jeremiah - January 13, 2025 at 09:32 AM

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“ Andy and Shaun purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of LaRee Kathleen Shebeck.



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**Andy and Shaun** - January 12, 2025 at 08:31 PM

MM

“ Marge and Mark Moriarity purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of LaRee Kathleen Shebeck.



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**Marge and Mark Moriarity** - January 12, 2025 at 10:27 AM

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“ My memory of LaRee goes way back to the 70's and our early years at NWB. We were part of a team of employees in the customer service department known as Commercial Business Office. I recall LaRee with her winning smile, happy disposition, always eager to help customers. She was an excellent employee and I recall her being good friends with Teri Koenig. RIP LaRee. Karen Thompson former NWB employee.

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**Karen Thompson** - January 11, 2025 at 10:12 AM

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“ *LaRee was one of a kind. It was my luck to have her as my friend. We met in 1959 at Staples HS and remained friends in 2024. I could write a book of memories about the good times we had and I will miss my visits to Minnetonka. LaRee was so caring, thoughtful, faithful, just the best of the best. She is gone but will never be forgotten. ❤️*

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**Terrie (Krough) Brown** - January 10, 2025 at 03:46 PM