



Madeline Helen Kamp

September 2, 1943 - April 20, 2026

Madeline Helen Kamp, age 82, of Eden Prairie, passed away peacefully on April 20, 2026, after a 10-year battle with Alzheimer's disease.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Max and Marie Kamp. Madeline was born on September 2, 1943, and raised in Hopkins, Minnesota. In 1960 she married Charles Thomas and had 2 children, Dean and Lynn Thomas.

She then later married Thomas Jones, Jr and had 1 child, Julie Jones (Cheney). They all made their home in St. Louis Park in the early 70's.

Madeline's heart led her back to her significant other Harry Bongard, for the past 33 years of her life, where they made a life together in Eden Prairie, MN.

Madeline was a true free spirit who loved and lived life to the fullest. She began her career in real estate, at M B Hagen realty as a receptionist.

Eventually moving her way up to real estate/title closer, doing closings with several title companies throughout her career. Madeline moved to Santa Fe, NM and continued to work as a title/real estate closer, eventually moving back to MN, to live with her significant other, Harry, for a few years before fully retiring and moving into Schmitt Artist Lofts in St. Paul to pursue her art career. Later in life, she discovered a passion for jewelry, art, and painting, eventually creating her own works of art. Her adventurous nature even led her to become a flight attendant, allowing her to travel the world.

She cherished traveling and especially loved sharing those experiences with her grandchildren, often taking them on unforgettable trips across the globe.

Through these journeys, she inspired them to see the beauty in the world as

she did.

Nothing meant more to Madeline than her family and friends. Her close circle of girlfriends was an especially important part of her life. She fondly reminisced about their many trips together—from weekends up north at the cabin, where she could often be found jumping into a frozen lake after a hot sauna, to destinations like Santa Fe, Arizona, Hawaii, Europe, and even China. These adventures perfectly reflected her love of friendship and exploration.

She is survived by her beloved significant other of 33 years, Harry Bongard; her brothers, Mike (Letty) and Marvin (Janice) Kamp; her children, Dean Thomas (Terri), Lynn Thomas, and Julie (Mark) Cheney; her grandchildren, Nick Anderson, Page (Nick) Koch, Abigail (Kelvin) Cheney, and Connor Cheney; and her great-grandchildren, Kayson, Paxton, and Layla Koch. The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to Riley Crossing and Brighton Hospice for their compassionate care, helping to make her final months as comfortable as possible.

Services will be held at Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapel, 7625 Mitchell Rd, Eden Prairie, MN, at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2026. Visitation will take place one hour prior, from 1:00-2:00 p.m., with refreshments to follow the service.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **28**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Eden Prairie Chapel
7625 Mitchell Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Memorial Service

APR **28**. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Angel's Embrace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Madeline Helen Kamp.* ”



April 25 at 07:36 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Madeline Helen Kamp.* ”



April 25 at 02:48 PM



“ *Madeline loved life and lived it to the fullest. She was a dear friend and a bright spirit to everyone. We shared many wonderful times together and we also enjoyed just being in each other's company in the quieter times. I loved her willingness to fearlessly just “go for” anything new and bring others along to share the adventure. Now she's off on a new one and I hope to see her again when I get to that new and exciting place. I love you, Maddie.* ”

Sue Carver - April 23 at 11:13 PM



Just a lovely lady who will be missed by many

Steve Grodahl - April 24 at 09:59 AM

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To Lynn and your family: Remember Madelines smile always, I know that I will. My condolences to all of you.

Natalie Neuharth - April 28 at 02:39 PM