



Madeline Paciorek Shinbach

July 18, 1953 - December 25, 2020

Shinbach, Madeline Paciorek 67, passed away on December 25, 2020, at home, surrounded by her loving husband Ed and devoted daughter Annie. She was the youngest child of Walter Paciorek, Sr. and Josephine Golab Paciorek of Springfield, Illinois. Madeline was a talented and caring person who led a remarkable life, a good life, that she filled with continuous learning and boundless love for those around her. A real pioneer, she was one of the few women to graduate from The California Institute of Technology in the 70s, where she received a Master of Science in Chemical Engineering. While she commented that "it was a cold and lonely place" for her, she persisted and hoped to have opened the door for other young women to follow. Following graduate school, she moved to St. Paul where she made a home and spent 28 years as a research and development engineer at 3M. She said, "My happiest years in research were spent in collaboration with my technical colleagues, exploring the boundaries of science. For those inspiring relationships, I will always be grateful." A lifelong learner, after retiring from 3M, Madeline could often be found sitting beside an adopted cocker spaniel and rescued cat while developing into a talented fabric artist. She was both an expert weaver and seamstress as well as a passionate collaborator and mentor at the Weavers Guild of Minnesota. The granddaughter of Polish immigrants, Madeline also dedicated her recent years to learning Polish. Most importantly, Madeline enjoyed 40 wonderful years of marriage to husband Ed and was the beloved mother of daughter Annie. She will always be a part of

them. They will honor her life and memory forever. Madeline touched many others through her talents, as a positive role model, and through her caring and compassionate nature. She always saw the good in people. Madeline is leaving this world a far better place for having been here. "I love all my family: Ed, Annie, and Matt, my beloved brother Walter and sister JoAnne. They mean the world to me and my love for them is timeless." She is survived by husband Ed; daughter Annie Shinbach and her husband Matt Sheffer of Washington, DC; brother Walter Paciorek, Jr. (Linda) of Phoenix, Arizona; sister JoAnne Masters (Bill) of Saratoga, California; and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. A private celebration of her life has been held at Lakewood Cemetery. Contributions may be made in her memory to the charity of your choice. washburn-mcreavy.com Nokomis Park Chapel 612-721-1651

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)

3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC **31**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Recently I was on a plane and reading old alumni magazines from Caltech. I was shocked to see Madeline's name in the "In Memoriam" section. When I got home I searched and found this site.

I was a good friend of Madeline's during our year together at Caltech. She made my time there so much more enjoyable than it otherwise would have been, and I hope I brightened her world as well. Even though I lost touch with her over 40 years ago, I know that her passing has left the world a lesser place. I hope this late tribute lets her family know how much she was appreciated.

I'm truly saddened by her passing and I pray that she has reunited with her beloved dad in heaven.

Tom Russell - August 08, 2022 at 12:20 PM

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“ Madeline and I were friends in high school. We were both clarinet players in the band and did some after school activities together. I remember going to her house and I thought the world of her mom. We lost contact after high school and I just read in a reunion newsletter of her passing. My heart is with you and your family. Her passing saddens me deeply. Deborah Dodson 308 Island Dr Midway, GA 31320

Deborah Dodson - August 16, 2021 at 08:43 PM