



Marcia Carolyn Carthaus

July 26, 1937 - September 12, 2022

Carthaus (James), Marcia Carolyn N. Of Edina, MN. And Naples, FL. Born on July 26, 1937 in Cohasset, Massachusetts to Robert and Hazel James. Passed away on September 12, 2022 from severe pulmonary arterial hypertension. Preceded in death by parents, only sibling, Philip James and brother-in-law James A. Carthaus. Survived by loving husband of 60 years, 2 nephews: Ethan Carter (CA), Wm Carthaus (CT.) and 1 niece Carla (Mike) Hill (MA). and schnauzer Abby. Marcia graduated from Lasell University (Newton, MA.), Tufts University (Medford, MA.) and a M.Ed. from Boston University School of Education 1960. She taught 6th grade in Concord, MA for two years before marrying Dick Carthaus in July, 1962 and moving to San Francisco area, where she was a Learning Disability Specialist for 4 years for the Menlo Park Schools. Marcia & Dick moved to the Twin Cities, Edina, in 1966, where she was employed by the Edina Public Schools for 31 years in administration as Director of Special Education, retiring in 1997. She received her doctorate in 1973 from the University of Minnesota in Educational Administration. Her work also included an Adjunct Professorship with Mankato State University for 18 years. Prior to starting her career, she received a Rockefeller Fellowship with Operation Crossroads Africa to travel, study and do a work camp project of building a one room school for 3 months in Senegal and Mali, West Africa. During her long career in education, Marcia received many honors and awards: Bush Public Schools Executive Fellows Program; University of Minnesota Alumni Services Award, College of Education and Human

Development; UM National Volunteer of the Year; named one of the 100 Distinguished Graduates over the last 100 years for College of Education; Chi Omega Sorority: National Chi Omega Woman of Achievement; UM Alumni Association National Board of Directors- 2004-2010; founding member of Women's Philanthropic Leadership Circle, UM, College of Education and Professional Development. Community volunteerism was always a part of Marcia's life. In retirement she taught classes in Japanese gardening to school children at the MN Landscape Arboretum Learning Center, as well as, was a weekly Interpretive Volunteer at the Minnesota Zoo. She was active in the Junior League of Minneapolis. She served as a School Board member for District #287, representing Edina. Marcia was President of Courage Center Associates and on the Board of Directors. Upon retirement, Marcia & Dick purchased a condo in Naples, Fl. and had been spending over half the year there. Marcia was just as active in Naples, volunteering weekly at The Conservancy of Southwest Florida for fifteen years. She was a member of the Greater Naples Leadership Masters Class VII. She was most active and devoted to The League Club, Inc. from 2000 to the present. Serving on the Board of Directors in many different positions, she enjoyed working for the betterment of the community through work and philanthropy. She re-invigorated the Southwest Florida Alumni Chapter of the University of Minnesota and served as President for 9 years. She also served on the Naples United Church of Christ Board of Trustees and Board of Missions and Outreach for terms of 6 years each. Dick and Marcia enjoyed a wonderful life together, traveling all over the world, which included China, Australia, Russia New Zealand, many countries in Europe and all of the United States, Canada and Mexico. In Europe they would take 1 or 2 countries and do them in depth. Their favorite places were Brugge, Belgium; and Switzerland and China. Marcia loved the Olympics and attended in 3 different locations. Their 6 week honeymoon memories of camping across the United States from Boston to San Francisco to start a new life was filled with adventures. They loved gardens and visited the Chelsea Gardens in London, as well as the famous

gardens in Vancouver and the Netherlands. High Tea in special places was a favorite. Air ballooning in Napa Valley and France was an adventure. Marcia & Dick loved their lake home in Crosslake, MN, which they owned for over 20 years. Heading there after work on Fridays with their miniature schnauzers, whom they adored, they loved to entertain friends, and enjoy golf and boating. Crosslake was a very special place that held many wonderful memories. Marcia loved her many friends and communicated with them often. She was so respected for her compassion and skills, as you always knew where she stood. Love of learning was at the core even when confined to home, as she took many Webinar courses, always taking notes. Always exhibiting a positive attitude, she enjoyed life. MEMORIALS PREFERRED to the MN Landscape Arboretum, Development Office (Susan Taylor), 3675 Arboretum Drive, Chaska, MN 55318; University of Minnesota Foundation, College of Education and Professional Development #7751, P.O. Box 70870, St. Paul, Minnesota 55170 Naples United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Road, Naples, FL 34103 The League Club, Inc , Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 413005-203, Naples, Florida 34101 Funeral Service 11:00am Monday September 26th at Washburn McReavy Edina Chapel, 5000 West 50th St. Edina. Visitation one hour before services. Interment Lakewood Cemetery. washburn-mcreavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **26.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Chapel Service

SEP **26.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Chapel Service for Marcia Carolyn Carthaus in memory of Marcia Carolyn Carthaus



Washburn-McReavy - September 26, 2022 at 10:07 AM



“ Peace Eternal Wreath was purchased for the family of Marcia Carolyn Carthaus.



September 23, 2022 at 12:11 PM