



Marilyn Elaine Weist Atkinson

August 19, 1923 - December 6, 2024

Marilyn Elaine Carlson Atkinson went home to be with her Lord on Dec 6, 2024. She was born to Carl and Lydia (Sellstedt) Carlson on Aug 19, 1923 in Minneapolis, MN. She graduated from South High and attended the University of MN. During the war she worked at a defense plant inspecting 30 and 50 caliber machine gun bullets.

In July 1945 Marilyn married Lt. William Weist and moved to Nebraska, where Lt. Weist was a pilot for the army air corps. When the war was over, they returned to Minneapolis, and later moved to Bismarck, ND. She worked for several insurance companies, and also at the State Capitol during several sessions of the terms of the legislature and at the office of the Law Librarian.

Mr. Weist lost his life in an auto accident in 1962 leaving Marilyn and three small children.

In 1967 Marilyn married Robert Atkinson of Napoleon, ND. They lived there until his retirement in 1980 when they moved to Stalker Lake, MN. In 1994 they moved to Litchfield, MN. During their retirement years they wintered in Needles, CA, and New Braunfels, TX. After Mr. Atkinson died in 2009 Marilyn moved to Edina, MN, in 2011.

Marilyn is survived by her children, Bill Weist of Hollywood, FL, Cathy

(Vaughn) Schweitzer of Bloomington, MN, Peggy (John) Bailey of Cottage Grove, MN, and Linda (Harry) Wentz of Scottsdale, AZ. She had 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grand child and she loved them with all her heart! Her sister-in-law Mathilde Weist also survives her as do her four nieces.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands Mr. Weist and Mr. Atkinson, two infant daughters, her daughter Carol (Al) Cirocco, her granddaughter Anne, her brother Robert Carlson and his wife LaVerne, her brother-in-law Charles Weist and her son-in-law Vaughn Schweitzer.

We will celebrate Marilyn's life at a service at St. Andrew Lutheran Church on April 11, 2025, at 1:30 in the afternoon. The church is located at 13600 Technology Drive, Eden Prairie, MN. In lieu of flowers, please give your gifts to Caretenders Hospice at 7801 E Bush Lake Road, Suite 230, Bloomington, MN 55439.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 11. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

St. Andrew Lutheran Church (Eden Prairie)
13600 Technology Drive
Eden Prairie, MN