



Marilyn Jean Cadwell

March 1, 1931 - January 24, 2026

Marilyn Schaefer Cadwell, age 94, of Edina, died on January 24, 2026. She is survived by her nephews Scott (Jennifer), Kent, and Brett (Robin) Peterson, their children and grandchildren and her brother-in-law, Dwight Peterson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore Curtis Cadwell, her son, Theodore Curtis Cadwell, Jr and her sister Marjorie Schaefer Peterson.

Marilyn grew up in St. Paul, graduated from St. Paul Central High School and received both a bachelor's and a master's degree from the University of Minnesota. She spent 35 years as a school psychologist in the Bloomington school district.

Marilyn loved gatherings with her extended family, summer road trips with Ted & Teddy, playing bridge, cheering for the Vikings (even when they lost), and dogs of all sorts. She had a sweet tooth and not much made her happier than the chance to hold a baby!

She was a fierce supporter of her son Ted, who was diagnosed with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis at the age of two. When the school district wanted to put him in the special education track, she argued passionately and successfully to mainstream him and was proved undeniably correct when he graduated as the valedictorian.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11am on Tuesday February 3, at the chapel at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Edina. There will be visitation and lunch following the service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Patrick's Catholic Church or The Arthritis Foundation.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Church of St. Patrick of Edina
6820 St. Patrick's Lane
Edina, MN 55439