



## Marilyn Ann Cavara

March 31, 1942 - June 2, 2023

Cavara, Marilyn Ann (nee Nelson) Longtime Edina resident, grew up in St. Peter, MN. Graduate of St. Peter High School Class 1960, Bachelor of Arts from Mankato State University Class of 1964 and Master of Social Work from University of Michigan Class of 1974. Worked for 26 years as Managing Director of the investigation arm of the Child Protection Division of Hennepin County, MN. During retirement worked as an Interior Design Assistant for Gabbert's Design Studio and Furniture in Bloomington, MN. Daughter of the late Margaret nee Hillesheim and Nestor E. Nelson of St. Peter, MN and Edina, MN. Sister of Barbara M. Whitlock, Jeanne M. McGill and Carol N. (Lawrence) Panozzo. Aunt of Sarah Whitlock, Molly (Eric) Del Balso, Emily (Ben) Nelsen, Margaret (Patrick Winkle) Whitlock, Jason (Julie) Jezek, Justin Jezek and Lawrence E. Panozzo. Great aunt of 4. Friend and colleague of many. Visitation will be held on Friday, June 9 from 4-7 PM and Saturday June 10th from 10:00 AM until prayers at 10:30 AM at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, 5000 W. 50th Street and Hwy 100, Edina, (952-920-3996), washburn-mcreavy.com. Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, June 10, 11:00 AM at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church Chapel, 5071 Eden Ave., Edina, (952-929-3317), olgparish.org.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **9**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUN **10**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church  
5071 Eden Avenue  
Edina, MN 55436

# Tribute Wall

MD

“ Marilyn was a high school classmate. We all adored her. She was always friendly to everyone. I had the pleasure of being a cheerleader with her. Such fun time with that group of girls. Her life was evidence of who she was. Kind and caring and serving others.

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**Melanie Paul Davis** - June 08, 2023 at 02:52 PM

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“ I met Marilyn in 1979 when my husband and I moved to Edina – she lived across the alley from us. Marilyn was an elegant lady and a joy to have for a neighbor. I am attaching a photo taken of Marilyn with me at my son’s wedding in December 2019. We were so honored she could come to the wedding. My son Justin and Marilyn also had a nice relationship and he really enjoyed talking to her. My thoughts and prayers are with Marilyn’s family at this time - Lori McGowan



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**Lori McGowan** - June 07, 2023 at 08:07 PM