



Marilyn Carol Eberlein

January 16, 1930 - September 10, 2022

Marilyn Carol (Torrey) Eberlein, age 92, of St. Anthony Village, and then Chandler Place Assisted Living, died Sat., Sept. 10, at HCMC after a broken hip and stroke. Survived by daughter Tori SeJerholm (Keith) of St. Paul, sons Steven Eberlein of New Brighton, and Mark Eberlein (Erika) of Alexandria, MN; by sisters Louise Franze of Lancaster, PA, Elaine Magnuson (Paul) of Woodbury, MN, and Janet Fry of Maple Grove, MN; by sister-in-law Carol Hoppe of Andover, MN; by precious grandchildren Noah SeJerholm (Hannah Carey) of Aliso Viejo, CA, Abigail SeJerholm Phillips-Grafflin (Calder) of Boston, MA, and Emma Eberlein Jore (Ben) of New Hope, MN; precious great-grandchild, BarreJ Allen Jore (age 5 months) and many nieces and nephews.

Marilyn was born on Jan. 16, 1930 in Eldridge, ND, the oldest child of Walter E & Eunice I (Sisson) Torrey. She was raised in Miltna, MN, and graduated Alexandria High School in 1948; received an Associate in Education degree at Moorhead State in 1950 and taught 1st grade in Wayzata, MN, and then in Ausbn, MN. In 1954, she was "Miss Ausbn" and was runner-up to "Miss Minnesota." She completed her BA in Elementary Education at the U of MN, then served as Christian Education Director at Arlington Hills Lutheran Church in St. Paul. She married Allen J. Eberlein, a Honeywell electrical engineer, in 1957. They had 3 children: Tori (1958), Steven (1959) and Mark (1961). In 1965, they built a home on Central Park in St. Anthony. In 1979, Allen built the legendary deck and gazebo which became Marilyn's favorite place. She lived

in the house until 2019.

Marilyn took piano lessons and by age 12 was the pianist for the American English Lutheran Church of Miltona. She combined piano skills with her love of teaching and gave piano lessons from her home to as many as 24 students a week for 23 years.

Marilyn loved Nativity Lutheran Church in St. Anthony like "one of her children." As Adult Bible Instructor, Marilyn was a proud member of the Nativity staff from 1984 - 2018. An active member of the congregation since 1958 and a woman of strong faith, she led the Wednesday Morning Bible Study for 40 years. She also taught the "Word to the Wise" group, "Word & Witness", a 2-year study course, and spoke often at other churches about Angels in the Bible. In 1984, she founded the Nativity Art Collection, which includes more than 85 Nativity sets from 35 countries. Marilyn held leadership roles in Lutheran Church Women throughout the years, and was President of the Minneapolis Area Synod of the Women of the ELCA from 1987-1992. Marilyn enjoyed traveling, art, playing the piano, watching college basketball and the MN Twins. She loved being in France when Allen was working with Aerospabale in the 1980s, and they often extended their trips into the rest of Europe. She continued traveling on Elder Hostels, with family, and independently after Allen's death in 1995. Her energy and curiosity earned her the "Maximizer" award on one of her many group trips.

She loved having a cup of coffee on the deck while listening to the wrens, singing in the church choir, attending St. Paul Chamber Orchestra concerts, gardening, and cherishing time with her grandchildren. She enjoyed hanging laundry outside in the fresh air! Ever in search of a BLT, a perfect peach, and a "good fish sandwich", Marilyn enjoyed sharing meals with others in restaurants. She was generous with her time, prayers, and resources, and was a role model of faith and service for many.

Memorial Service at 11 am Sat., October 29, at Nativity Lutheran Church, 3312 Silver Lake Road, St. Anthony, MN 55418. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Nativity Lutheran Church c/o Eberlein Family Endowment.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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St. Anthony, MN 55418

Church Service

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