



Marion Audrey Birkeland

December 10, 1929 - June 14, 2022

Marion Audrey Birkeland was born December 10, 1929 to Clarence and Gunhild (Haugen) Syrtvedt in Warren, Minnesota. Marion was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. Marion graduated from Lincoln High School, Thief River Falls, MN in 1948. She later received a Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education from Moorhead State Teachers College, now Minnesota State University Moorhead.

Marion loved teaching the early elementary grades, primarily 2nd grade. She taught in several schools in Minnesota and Colorado before taking a teaching position in Edina. She taught in the Edina School District for 25 years until her retirement in 1998.

Marion met Carsten Birkeland on a blind date to the Old Log Theatre in Excelsior. Their relationship grew and deepened. On August 11, 1967, she married the love of her life, Carsten M. Birkeland.

Marion and Carsten were members of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. Marion was an active member of Mount Olivet Church Women and past Chair of the Holly Circle.

In their retirement, Carsten and Marion enjoyed spending winters in Arizona and California. They also traveled to Norway where both Carsten and Marion met members of their respective families.

Marion was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Gunhild Syrtvedt and her husband, Carsten. Marion is survived by many cousins and friends. Marion will be remembered for her friendly manner, her love of Carsten, her

recognizable giggle and her deep faith.

Service will be Tuesday, June 28 at 11AM at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, 5025 Knox Ave S, Minneapolis, with visitation one hour prior. Memorials preferred to Mount Olivet Lutheran Church.

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Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **28**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church (So. Mpls)
5025 Knox Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55419

Memorial Service

JUN **28**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I was reading the obituaries today and I came upon this lady! As I read on I realized that she had been my 1st grade teacher at Cahill School in Edina. I was in 1st grade there from 1961-1962. I remember liking her, that she was young and pretty, and her name was unique. She had such a long life, I hope it was a happy one. Now that she is gone, I just want her family to know I haven't forgotten her and she was memorable to the little girl that I was.

Karen Rasmusson Olson - June 22, 2022 at 10:25 AM

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Actually, it was '62-'63.

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