



Mary Ellen Heyne

August 27, 1939 - June 24, 2025

Mary Ellen Heyne (née Sweiger)

Born in Minneapolis, August 27, 1939 - died June 24, 2025

Mary Ellen was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Richard; cherished daughter, Molly McNamara; parents, John Sweiger, Ellen and Tommy Thompson; sister, Carolyn Vincent; and nephew, Michael Vincent.

She is survived by her daughter Mary Jo Ohlin (Tom); granddaughters Maggie, Kelly Vassallo (Josh), and Sara; brother-in-law Mike Vincent; and by Dick's daughters Julie Carroll, Terry Edam (Bob), and Lee Sowieja, along with their children and grandchildren.

A lifelong career woman, Mary Ellen spent the majority of her professional life in the advertising industry, retiring as a Vice President of Campbell Mithun. She was known for her sharp mind, strong work ethic, and leadership in a field where she paved the way for many women who followed.

Outside of work, Mary Ellen was a passionate and talented golfer, an avid reader who devoured multiple books a week, and a curious traveler. She and Dick loved exploring the country by car, taking in its natural beauty and stopping to appreciate the small towns along the way. They especially

treasured time spent together at their cabin on Gull Lake.

Mary Ellen's wit, strength, and love will be remembered and missed by all who knew her.

A private family service will be held.