



Mary Jean Hartwig

August 13, 1927 - January 19, 2023

Mary K. Hartwig

Born August 13, 1927 to Alfred and Mina Kelsven, deceased January 19, 2023. Born in Columbus, ND, Mary graduated with a BS in education from the University of MN in 1951. She was married to Jack Hartwig of Milwaukee, WI for nearly 60 years. She passed peacefully in her sleep at her home in Edina at the age of 95. She is preceded in death by her parents, an infant sister, and her brother Wayne. She is survived by 5 children: Dave (Becki), Ann Sakellson (Jeff), Paul (Lisa), Martha Ripon (Paul), and Steve (Karen). Seven grandchildren blessed Mary's life: Erin, Guy, Jack (Ava), Mads, Peter, Elise, and Izzy. Two great grandchildren as well: Andre and Violet.

Mary lived most of her adult life in the Minneapolis area and was active in her community throughout her life. She volunteered for multiple organizations, most notably the Fairview Women's Auxiliary and the League of Women Voters. Mary was an active member of CPC of Edina for more than 65 years.

Mary loved many activities and hobbies such as gardening, cooking, entertaining, golf, tennis, and downhill skiing. She and Jack were among the first property owners in Vail, CO. She was a regular on the slopes of Vail for nearly 50 years, and after retirement, spent her winters there skiing until the age of 81.

Mary was kind, loving, selfless, loyal, hard-working, and dedicated. She was the quintessential friend, always engaged and committed to other people. She showed genuine interest with frequent handwritten notes, thoughtful gifts, phone calls, lunches, dinners, golf outings, ski trips, and happy hours. She counted friendship as one of her greatest blessings.

She was full of grace, and will be dearly missed by countless numbers of friends and her cherished family.

A memorial service is planned at Christ Presbyterian Church in Edina for June 9, 2023 at 11:00 AM. Memorials preferred to Urban Ventures or The Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Christ Presbyterian Church
6901 Normandale Road
Edina, MN 55424

Memorial Service

JUN 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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“ *It was my pleasure to spend more time with Mary in our later years. Even though she was senior to me by about ten years, after we had both lost our husbands about the same time, we found time to build a warm friendship and enjoyment of each other's company. I would often pick her up and we would go for a ride out west to Excelsior for an ice cream cone and a drive around the lakes. Her warm friendship and easy laugh were always a happy time for me and, I think for her also.*

We all can be thankful for her long life.....Susan "Sue" Proshek

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