



Mary Geraldine O'Shaughnessy

October 2, 2023

Mary Geraldine O'Shaughnessy, age 85, died October 2, 2023

Mary was born to Jeremiah (Jerry) White and Mary White and lived with her sister Barb in south Minneapolis. Her childhood was a happy one living under the same roof with her grandparents, sister, many aunts and uncles, and her father in their 3-bedroom, one bath home.

She attended St Margaret's Academy for high school where she met her husband Tom at a St.Margaret's/De La Salle Catholic schools dance. They both had a love of dance and she and Tom married in 1958. She then worked in purchasing with Honeywell until moving to Bloomington where they raised three daughters Terry, Lynn, and Lisa. They loved to travel with their girls piling into the red station wagon for cross country trips pulling a pop-up camper behind them. Her love of dance continued with Tom throughout their lifetime with memories of them dancing to Glenn Miller in the living room and Friday evenings dancing at The Manor in St. Paul. At home she loved to watch the polka channel dancing with her grandchildren Nellie and Charlotte.

In 1977 they bought a trailer on beautiful Bay Lake and enjoyed that on weekends with many fond memories that continue for the family today. She took great pride in working for the school district as a secretary in a program for pregnant teens until retiring at age 60.

After Tom died in 2001 she was very independent caring for her home in Bloomington where she lived until 6 months before her death.

She also took great pride in her family often commenting, "What a good-looking family we have with lots of good hair."

She loved her 6 grandchildren and her three great children talking about them frequently.

In her last days she said many times over how fortunate she was to have such a wonderful family.

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“ *I loved Mary very much, a second mother to me. I tried to reach her many times and stopped at her house when I was home but never could catch up with her. She was always out making someone happy. Thank you for being so special to both me and my mom. Love, Kari, Nancy’s daughter* ❤️❤️❤️

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