



Merrily Anne Stone

March 21, 1943 - April 6, 2023

Merrily Anne Stone (Quist)

Stone, Merrily Anne of New Brighton, passed away on April 6, 2023.

Merrily was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on March 21, 1943, to Rusty and Hazelle Quist. She had a five-decade career as a piano teacher - teaching hundreds of kids from her home studio.

Merrily studied piano with Vera Narregang at MacPhail from ages four through 18. She was in the Class of 1961 at Minnehaha Academy. She studied with Elizabeth Lasley at the Oberlin Conservatory, graduating in 1965. In 1964 she studied with Heinz Scholz at the Mozarteum Musik Akademie in Salzburg, Austria. She also studied locally with Milous Ferlik. Merrily's students have a lineage of four teacher generations from Debussy, five from Beethoven, and six from Chopin.

Her time in Salzburg coincided with the filming of *The Sound of Music*. Her dormitory was used as the exterior of the Von Trapp family home. You won't find her in the film because she's ducking under a window during shootings.

In 1967, Merrily married Mike Stone. As an engagement gift, he bought her a Steinway grand piano. They were married for 55 years, enjoying years of

travel together, including over a dozen trips to Europe. Mike was Merrily's technical support for her many volunteer roles in piano teacher organizations. In the late 1970s they introduced a computer for scheduling thousands of students in the annual MMTA piano contest, using a program that Mike wrote.

Merrily is survived by 11 nieces and nephews, many great nieces and nephews and step-great nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Merrily is preceded in death by her husband, Michael Stone, parents Russell & Hazelle Quist, sister Nancy Pratt, a niece and two great nieces.

A funeral service for Merrily will be held on Saturday, April 15 at 3 PM at Washburn- McReavy Glen Haven Chapel, 5125 W. Broadway Ave., Crystal, MN, with visitation 1 hour prior to the service.

Memorials are welcomed for the "Pratt-Quist Fund" of the Minneapolis Music Teachers Forum (MMTF). The fund was created to honor the piano teaching legacy of Hazelle Quist and her daughters, Nancy and Merrily. The fund sponsors an annual piano competition for ninth graders to encourage young pianists to continue lessons during that transitional year of their lives. Donations can be made to MMTF with "Quist-Pratt Fund" in the subject line and sent to MMTF Treasurer Donna Engel, 715 Marion Ln., Jordan, MN 55352

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 15. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Chapel Service

APR 15. 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Chapel Service for Merrily Anne Stone in memory of Merrily Anne Stone



Washburn-McReavy - April 12, 2023 at 04:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Merrily Anne Stone.



April 11, 2023 at 01:07 AM