



## Merry Margaret Olson

May 21, 1942 - November 11, 2019

Olson, Merry Margaret (McGray) long-time Minneapolis resident and new resident at Friendship Village of Bloomington, died Monday, November 11 of natural causes. Born May 21, 1942 to Adeline and Leslie McGray of Minneapolis, she was a 1960 graduate of Northrop Collegiate School (now The Blake School). Merry continued her education at Iowa State University and was a 2001 graduate of Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts at Brown College. Merry was previously married to Donald Olson, with whom she had two sons, Erik and Andrew. She and Don ran a successful business out of their home before Merry went on to become a chef instructor and then a sales associate at the Picket Fence in Edina. Over the course of her life, she held residence in Winter Harbor, Maine; Green Bay, Wisconsin; and Minneapolis, Robbinsdale, Rogers and Edina. She and Don also spent two years living on a barge in France. Merry was the first woman elected to Robbinsdale City Council, and she was a member of the League of Women Voters and the Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.). She took every chance to enjoy her several hobbies, which included needlepoint, traveling, cooking, reading and caring for her grandchildren. She was a generous, giving and thoughtful woman who nurtured her many relationships, and she was surrogate parent to many. Merry is survived by brother Michael McGray; son Andrew and his wife Sachi (Canton, MI); grand-children Nicholas Olson (Georgia), Sven Olson (Canton, MI), Emily Olson (Georgia) and Lena Olson (Canton, MI); as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins and other extended

family. She was pre-deceased by son Erik, who died on November 28, 2011. A celebration of life was held on November 16 and a private interment will take place at Lakewood Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Lakewood Crematory (Minneapolis)

3600 Hennepin Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55408