



## Monica L. Melberg

March 31, 1942 - July 26, 2025

Monica Melberg was born March 31, 1942, in Appleton, WI and passed away peacefully on July 26, 2025 at the age of 83 at St. Therese of Oxbow Lake in Brooklyn Park, MN.

Monica spent her early years in Wisconsin later moving to Minnesota and graduating from Humboldt High School in St Paul in 1960. She married her first husband Richard in October 1961 and had two children: Tony in 1963 and Terry in 1968. She had several jobs through the years, including at Honeywell where she met and eventually married Jack Melberg in August 1988. Jack passed away in July 2021.

Her retirement summers were mostly spent at a little cabin she and Jack rented on the Whitefish Chain of Lakes. Cabin life suited her well and she loved spending time on the water, whether it be boating, swimming, fishing or just cruising along enjoying the sun and water. In the evening you could generally find them by the fire, possibly with a beer or two listening to old country songs.

Monica enjoyed spending time with family and friends, attending grandchildren's sporting events, dance recitals, school events or just hanging out at casual get-togethers or movies. She loved to laugh, and often found humor in her daily life that she would share with others.

Even though Monica was from Wisconsin her football allegiance was with the Minnesota Vikings. She and Jack used to travel to games with a group of friends from a local restaurant near their house. In later years she would rarely miss a game on TV.

Monica was an avid reader and a thoughtful writer. She enjoyed all types of books and even took a few creative writing classes. She journaled often, and it's not a stretch to think she would have enjoyed being a writer if she had the chance.

Following her dementia diagnosis in 2021 she moved to a senior assisted living building, and then to assisted living and memory care as her condition worsened. Despite her condition Monica had too much restless energy to sit around doing nothing, so she began walking around her building, a lot. Over time building staff began to give her small jobs to do, folding towels or sometimes helping to push other residents around in their wheelchairs. Everyone regardless of their situation needs a purpose in life and Monica found hers in helping others. If you were to join her on one of her "walks" in the building you'd be amazed at how many "Hi Monica's" you would hear. Everyone seemed to know her, she was described by many as being a gentle soul.

Monica is preceded in death by parents Joseph and Lucille Schwalen, sisters; Elizabeth (Betty) Hanusa, Patricia (Pat) Baxter, Dorothy Barker and Evelyn "Evy" A. Smrstick, and husband John "Jack" Melberg. She will be missed greatly by children, Anthony Roeder (Melanie), Terrence Roeder (Charlene); grandchildren, Christina, Samuel, Emma and Ellie, as well as sisters, Mary Jane Duchnowski, Margaret "Peggy" Grede, Jo-Ellen Lemke, and many other nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Visitation is Saturday, August 2 from 1-4 at Washburn-McReavy Glen Haven Chapel, 5125 W. Broadway, Crystal, MN. Private interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family would ask you to send memorials to the Alzheimer's Association ([alz.org](http://alz.org)) to help speed up finding a cure for this dreadful disease.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 2. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel  
5125 West Broadway  
Crystal, MN 55429

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lavender Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Monica L. Melberg.* ”



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August 02, 2025 at 10:23 AM