



Monica Mary Nilles

September 13, 1932 - November 12, 2023

Nilles, Monica Mary (Mooney)

Age 91, of Edina, MN, died peacefully at home on November 12, 2023. Born September 13, 1932 in Plymouth, WI. Graduate of Plymouth High School and Marquette University. Preceded in death by adoring husband of 65 years Gerald; parents George and Agnes Mooney; sisters Kathleen Wolf (Werner) and Patricia Bailey (Patrick). Survived by children Gregory (Peggy) of St. Louis, MO, Lisa (Mark) of Minneapolis, MN, Michael (Kathleen) of Wellesley, MA; grandchildren Kate (René), Lauren, Matt and Anna, Caitlin, Megan, John who loved their Nana; sister-in-law Carol Nilles (Robert Engler); 27 beloved nieces and nephews; and godson Teagan Nilles Livita Nammeh.

Monica was grounded by her family, her friends and her faith. She brought a delightful sense of humor and the luck of the Irish to the Nilles clan. At age 14, Monica wrote, "I am crazy about children, white high shoes on little kids. I like good jokes and pranks (especially hand buzzers, voice retrievers and fake ink spots). I love to sleep, go horseback riding, and watch football and basketball games. I am a jig-saw puzzle fiend." These sources of joy sustained Monica as a founding member of the Kath-Pat-Mon Tennis and Social Club; a dental hygienist; a Crabapple League bowler; and a 60-year member of the Church of St. Patrick Edina and the St. Frances Cabrini Guild, whose work and fellowship she loved so much.

The family is grateful to Monica's beloved caregiver Lucky Mwaka, who provided loving care to both Monica and Gerald for three years including exquisite care in their final days.

Gathering at 10:00 AM and Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM on Monday, November 27, 2023 in the chapel at the Church of St. Patrick, 6820 St. Patrick's Lane, Edina. Park in the south end of the lot off Gleason Avenue and enter in the 'Mahon Center' door. Live streaming of Mass at <https://vimeo.com/event/3883393>.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the donor's favorite charity or to St. Patrick Church Edina to support the work of the Women's Club (<https://saintpatrick.churchtrac.com/give>).

Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, 952-920-3996.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Church of St. Patrick of Edina
6820 St. Patrick's Lane
Edina, MN 55439

Church Service

NOV 27. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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6820 St. Patrick's Lane
Edina, MN 55439

Reception

NOV 27. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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6820 St. Patrick's Lane
Edina, MN 55439

Graveside Service

NOV 27. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Resurrection Cemetery (Mendota Heights)
2101 Lexington Avenue South
Mendota Heights, MN 55120-1211

Tribute Wall



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Monica Mary Nilles.*



November 22, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ *Your friends at Marquette University planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Monica Mary Nilles.*

Your friends at Marquette University - November 22, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Monica Mary Nilles.*



November 22, 2023 at 01:48 AM