



Myrna Harriet Boyken

December 1, 1941 - December 10, 2023

Myrna Harriet Boyken, age 82, of Roseville, MN died December 10, 2023 at AmiraChoice of Roseville.

Myrna was born December 1, 1941 in Titonka, Iowa, the daughter of John and Hulda (Eden) Boyken. She was raised on a farm along with her 3 sisters and 1 brother. She learned the value of hard work and her economic sense from her parents. She attended Grant #9 country school in Winnebago County until the school closed after her 7th grade year. She graduated with honors from Buffalo Center High School in 1959. She graduated from Wartburg College with a BS degree in 1963. She received a Masters of Arts Degree from Purdue University in 1968.

Myrna began her teaching career in Manitowoc, WI where she taught 5th grade for 4 years. She then moved to the Twin Cities where she taught elementary students for 32 years in the Roseville area. She retired in 2000.

Myrna enjoyed biking with friends on Minnesota and Wisconsin trails. She availed herself of many of the cultural and learning events that the city offered. She developed a circle of friends through her church, her schools, book clubs, Bible studies, and AAUW. She also maintained a long-time relationship with her Wartburg College friends.

Myrna traveled extensively during her summer vacations and after she retired. She traveled with friends or as a part of a travel company trip. She visited many of the national parks in the United States and Canada as well as taking an Alaskan cruise. Trips abroad included eastern Europe from Berlin to Hungary, China, Japan, Thailand, Hong Kong, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, France, Switzerland. and a safari in Africa.

Myrna was a member of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Shoreview for over 40 years. She was a very active member with a kind and generous heart. Working with Love Your Neighbor (LYN) Ministry, she brought meals and communion to the homebound, and transported elderly members to Sunday services for several years. She was always cheerful, supportive, and ready to help other people.

Myrna is survived by her sisters, Fern Thornbury, of Woden, Iowa and Marlene Ciorba (Steve Doty) of Cedar Falls, Iowa and brother-in-law, John Sime (Joan). She has 1 niece, Amy Love and 4 nephews: Eric Sime, Kevin Sime, Kit Ciorba, and Matthew Ciorba. Great nieces and nephews include Anna Love, Mara Love, Kate Love, Bryce LaFratte, Breydin LaFratte, Calvin Ciorba, David Ciorba, Luther Ciorba, and Lucas de Souza.

Preceded in death by her parents, brother, Irvin, and sisters, Leona Boyken and Janice Sime, brother-in-law, Jack Thornbury, and nephew Steven Thornbury.

Service to be held at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 3920 N Victoria St, Shoreview, MN on December 14th. Visitation will be at 10:00 a.m., the service at 11:00 a.m. and luncheon at noon. Private interment at Immanuel Lutheran Church, rural Titonka, Iowa at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, send memorials to: Ramsey County Library, 2180 Hamline

Ave, Roseville, MN 55113 or Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 3920 N
Victoria St., Shoreview, MN 55126.

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