



Mrs. Nancy Elizabeth Allison

January 10, 1924 - July 4, 2020

Allison, Nancy E. Age 96, longtime Bloomington resident of 65 years, passed on July 4th. Her passion and devotion to floral design and regional horticulture organizations in Minnesota spanned many decades. As a war bride, Nancy's first and only house was built in the newly developed suburb of Bloomington, MN in 1955. She saw the farm one block away become a golf course, the building of new schools including a junior college, and a village where fresh produce could be bought along Old Shakopee Rd develop into a city. For many years, she was invited to participate in the annual Art and Bloom show and applied her design talents to the MN State Fair and local garden club shows, resulting in a State Fair Sweepstakes ribbon and a multitude of ribbons in floral design during the past few decades. She was a past president of the Federated Garden Club of MN 1993-96, a popular figure in the Ramblewood Garden Club and enjoyed 29 years as an employee at the MN Landscaping Arboretum library retiring in 1996. As she phased out of competing in garden club shows, she moved on to become a judge for local garden shows and a floral design presenter. As a Girl Scout leader for Troop 1541 for decades, she inspired young girls to explore the outdoors and to follow their dreams. Nancy was an active member of the Hillcrest United Methodist Church, Bloomington, MN, assisting with office duties and church services for many years. She is survived by daughter, Janet Bray of Denver, CO; son, Robert "Bob" (Mary) Allison, Jr of Knapp, WI; sisters, Helen Wolter, Stella Johnson, Mabel Lythgoe all of Redding, CA and Carmella Elphison of

Butte, MT; granddaughter, Katie; and a number of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Robert R. Allison; and two sisters, Mary Donovan and Lucy Turner both of CA. The family gives their heartfelt thanks to the Presbyterian Homes & Services, Bloomington, MN and the Neighbors of Dunn County and St. Croix Hospice for their wonderful care of Nancy. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be sent to the Andersen Library, MN Landscape Arboretum, 3675 Arboretum Drive, Chaska, MN 55318 for the Nancy Allison fund for the purchase of horticulture books. Funeral Service 10 AM, Thursday, July 16 at Washburn-McReavy Bloomington Chapel. Visitation one hour prior. Interment Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Guests are encouraged to wear masks. The family invites all friends and relatives to share their stories and blessings online. Washburn-McReavy.com Werness Brothers 952-884-8145 2300 W. Old Shakopee Rd.

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 16. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Bloomington Chapel
2300 W Old Shakopee Rd
Bloomington, MN 55431
(952) 884-8145
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Chapel Service

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Graveside Service

JUL **16**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Nancy was beloved by Ramblewood Garden Club. Words are inadequate to express the loss we feel at her passing.

Meetings at Nancy's were highly anticipated by members of our club; everyone made it a point to be there. Although the programs were always excellent, the high point was the lunch that followed. Nancy loved surprising us with elaborate themed tables. We oohed and ahhed over them. Nancy never did the same thing twice, and her place settings surpassed anything seen in magazines!

Nancy was full of fun. She was a kind and considerate friend who always took the high road in bringing people together. Her joy in flower arranging was contagious. Even though Nancy was a master designer herself, she found ways to encourage even the most novice designers in our club. Due to her, we all found ourselves doing better.

We will always miss Nancy.

*Beth Grund
Ramblewood Garden Club*

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