



Patricia McLane Parker

November 11, 1928 - August 25, 2021

Patricia Ann (McLane) Parker, Age 92, of Maple Plain, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 25th, 2021. Patty was born in Ortonville, MN on November 11, 1928. She lost her beloved father Chester at the age of 9 and the small family moved to a vibrant St. Paul neighborhood with hundreds of children. Patty's fondest childhood memories include adventurous train rides from St. Paul to Ortonville to spend summers living with her grandparents, and contributing to the war effort by tending to their immense World War II victory gardens. Planting and nurturing the many fruits, vegetables and flowers instilled a life-long love for gardening.

While in St. Paul she met her first boyfriend and life-long pal Charlie Brown, the inspiration for the famous comic strip who nicknamed her "Peppermint Patty." Together, they would double date with Charles Schultz and his wife.

In 1946, she graduated from West High School in Minneapolis. Patty was a clothing buyer and model for Dayton's department store and had the honor of being crowned Minneapolis Aquatennial Queen in the summer of 1947 representing Dayton's. She traveled all over the country for the next year meeting stars like Frank Sinatra and representing Minneapolis as Queen of the Lakes, often chaperoned by then Mayor Hubert H. Humphrey and his wife, Muriel.

In 1949, John and Patty wed at Our Lady of Grace Church in Edina. During the 1950's, John and Patty owned and operated The Brentshire Motel on Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles close to the beach. Years later, they returned to Minnesota to be close to relatives, settling in St. Louis Park, where they raised their family. Patty had a life-long affiliation with Aquatennial, serving in the Past Queens organization and acting as an Aquatennial judge. She was also a long-time member and loved her volunteer work with the West Suburban Women's Club and the Minneapolis Women's Club. She was an excellent and adventurous cook and baker, loved gardening, traveling and spending time with her family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Chester & Beatrice McLane, husband John Henry, son John Kevin, brother Eugene and son-in-law Scott Hoof. She is survived by her loving family; daughters, Beth (John) Duff, Molly Hoof, Ann (Gary) Weckwerth & Meg (Scott) O'Neil; grandchildren, Kate (Tyler) Back, Paige (Andy) Crosby, Drew O'Neil, Parker Weckwerth, Davidson Hoof & Rose O'Neil; great grandchildren, Luke, Abi, Ava & Beck.

A celebration of life memorial service will be held Friday, September 17th at 11:00am (visitation one hour before) at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 13505 Excelsior Boulevard in Minnetonka, MN. Private Interment to follow at Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis. The family is very grateful for the loving care provided by the staff at Haven Homes in Maple Plain. In lieu of flowers, memorials in honor of Patty may be made to the Haven Homes Employee Engagement Fund.

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Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church
13505 Excelsior Blvd
Minnetonka, MN 55345

Church Service

SEP 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Patricia McLane Parker.*



September 15, 2021 at 10:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patricia McLane Parker.*



September 13, 2021 at 05:18 PM



“ *I have so many fond memories of my mom Betz and "Peppermint Patty" that I smile each time I share their stories of friendship. Patty was one of a kind. We will miss her but hold tight to the good memories shared.*

Ann Nachtigal and family

Ann - September 01, 2021 at 02:24 PM



“ *She was a beautiful person...sorry for your loss...*

Tom and Barb - August 30, 2021 at 07:02 PM

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“ Jeff, Gary and The Summit Financial Team purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Patricia McLane Parker.



Jeff, Gary and The Summit Financial Team - August 30, 2021
at 12:47 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Patricia McLane Parker.



August 28, 2021 at 10:57 PM