



## Retha Kathleen Dooley

May 13, 1948 - September 22, 2022

Dooley, Retha Kathleen age 74, passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 22, 2022, at the St Cloud Hospital after a courageous battle fighting Lymphoma cancer. She was born May 13, 1948, to John and Ima Lee Dooley in Hennepin County, Minnesota. She is preceded in death by her parents, older brother Patrick Dooley. Survived by her two younger brothers, Mike (wife Tracy) and Sean Dooley, her daughter Shannon Bernstrom, son Bryan Bernstrom, several grandchildren, great grandchildren and loving nieces and nephews. Retha was a calming presence of unselfish love and kindness. Realizing that life was difficult for most people, she was especially sensitive and kind each day. Retha shared her enthusiasm for skating working with Scott Sansby at Rolling Soles on Lake Street from 1979 to 1998. For over 40 years, her friends at AA knew her as a nonjudgmental leader, mentor, loving compassionate listener of all daily concerns. Retha was the first woman on the Board of Directors at 2218 and later became Chair of the Board of Directors. She was also a trainer for the Minnesota Recovery Connection. Retha was a featured AA speaker throughout the state of Minnesota. In the past year Retha was a consultant with Wellness in the Woods, helping people make lasting, positive changes in their life. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Sunday, October 30th at 3PM, at the Alano Society of Minneapolis, 2218 1st Ave South, Minneapolis, MN 55404. In lieu of flowers, donations can be given to the Alano Society of Minneapolis, 2218 1st Ave South, Minneapolis, MN 55404 - [2218alano.org](http://2218alano.org)