



## Roberta Kaye Metcalfe

November 15, 1933 - September 21, 2024

Metcalfe, Roberta Kaye Nov. 15, 1933 - Sept. 21, 2024 Roberta Kaye Metcalfe, 90, of Minneapolis passed peacefully on the morning of September 21, 2024 surrounded by her loving children and granddaughters. Born the fifth of 10 children on November 15, 1933 in Washta, Iowa, Kaye graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1955 with a bachelor's in fine arts and worked as an artist and arts educator in Minneapolis. She met the love of her life John during a blind date. They were married on August 24, 1962 and spent 47 fun-filled years together before John's passing in 2010. Theirs was an epic love story and they were not just husband and wife, but also the best of friends. Together, they raised two children, John Coll Metcalfe of Los Angeles, CA and Sydney Meredith Claire Metcalfe of Florham Park, NJ. After the brutally cold winter of 1977, Kaye and John moved their family south to Florida's Atlantic Coast, settling in the small town of Indialantic. Kaye continued her work as an artist and became active in local politics, serving on the city council and other advisory committees and boards. Kaye enjoyed many, many things. Among them were painting, golfing, swimming, Johnny Cash, cherry ice cream, cribbage, the color white, gardening, Jeopardy, CNBC, parties, baking, the Minnesota Twins, and above all, her family. She adored her three granddaughters. She loved to draw with them and there were many Saturdays spent on the shores of Lake Harriet painting the sailboats. Kaye loved playing games with them and took time to teach each of them Wizard. She played her last game on September 15, coming in a respectable second with a score of

230. Kaye held a special place in her heart for nephews James and Cal Klingensmith. They will always remember the hours spent hunting for rocks and seashells, seeing Broadway shows, and enjoying fancy lunches. Kaye never really retired and up until her passing, was an active real estate investor and day trader. She was thrilled when the Federal Reserve lowered interest rates and was thinking 2025 might be the year she finally gets into crypto. Kaye was preceded in death by her parents H. Glen and Vera Klingensmith and her loving husband John Metcalfe. She is survived by her children Coll and Sydney Metcalfe, her granddaughters Sadie, Twyla and Eden and siblings Dan Klingensmith, Marilyn Dorwart and Michael Klingensmith as well as 27 nieces and nephews and their families. She will be missed by all. A service celebrating Kaye's life will be held at the Lakewood Cemetery chapel at 3600 Hennepin Ave. in Minneapolis on Friday, October 4 at 1 pm with a gathering of friends and family to follow afterward.

# Cemetery Details

## Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)

3600 Hennepin Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55408

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Lakewood Memorial Chapel  
3600 Hennepin Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55408

## Funeral Service

OCT 4. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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## Graveside Service

OCT 4. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

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