



## Sharon Ann Bestrom

April 9, 1940 - October 6, 2024

Bestrom, Sharon Anne On Sunday, October 6, 2024 just after sunrise, Sharon Anne Bestrom, 84, passed away peacefully in her sleep at Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park. She is survived by her son, Eric Bestrom, daughter-in-law, Melanie Harrison, granddaughter Anneli, her brothers George and Jack, and her nieces and nephews-in-law, Lisa, Stacy, Zack, Jackie, and Jeremy, as well as many other cherished family members and friends. Sherry was a passionate advocate for Feminism, human rights, unions, the arts, and education. She worked as a nurse's aide at Methodist Hospital at the cusp of the 1960s. She served as a teacher from the 1960s until the 2000s, and became chair of the English Department of Eden Prairie High School. She has boxes full of thank-you letters from grateful students. She was a proud member of the Minnesota Federation of Teachers and, later, Education Minnesota. After earning a Master's Degree and additional credits in English at the University of Minnesota, she earned nearly a second Master's Degree in Art History to give her best to museum tour participants, most often schoolchildren, as a Docent at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. Sherry had a curious intellect, and explored the world through reading, listening to NPR, watching TPT, and traveling. As a teenager, she traveled with her Girl Scout troop on an ocean liner to England, France, Switzerland, and Italy in the 1950s. Later, she supported herself as a dishwasher, living and touring in Norway, Denmark, and Italy again. In the 1960s, she worked in Alaska, taught cowboys in Prineville, Oregon, and taught in McHenry, Illinois. She lived for a

short time on a film-making commune in Ohio. In the 1990s, she visited her son in Prague, Czech Republic, toured Israel, Egypt, and Greece, and visited Istanbul. The funeral will be held at Lakewood Cemetery Memorial Chapel on Friday, October 25. Doors will open for visitation at 1:00pm, and the ceremony will begin at 2:00pm. When the ceremony concludes, a short prayer will be conducted at the graveside in the Bestrom/Hill family plot in Section 17. [www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com) Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Lakewood Memorial Chapel  
3600 Hennepin Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55408

## Memorial Service

OCT **25**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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3600 Hennepin Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55408

## Graveside Service

OCT **25**. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)  
3600 Hennepin Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55408

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ Thank you for a wonderful service to honor Ms. Bestrom. She was my teacher in the early 1980s at Eden Prairie High School. I can't fully describe the full impact she on helping me find a path for my career dreams. She directed to me to ways where I could start creating videos when all the school had was a newspaper and yearbook. She helped me break ground to do the first public/educational access videos showcasing games and events at the school.

*I've now been working with TV, video production, live events and even a little teaching for 40+ years. I wore a special pin to today's service to honor her. That pin sympolizes my career, that I owe in part to her passion for helping to set students up for success in life.*

*On behalf of the thousands of students Ms. Bestrom influenced in their lives, we want you to know she did make a difference! She did care about all the kids. Most of all, she did care about making the world a better place for everyone.*

*Peace,  
John M.  
EPHS Class of 1983*

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**John Murray** - October 25, 2024 at 06:41 PM

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“ Sherry was a wonderful friend. So warm, generous, funny, honest and very intelligent. She loved the arts and literature. I will miss her dearly. I will always remember her warmly and remain so appreciative that our lives crossed paths. Rest in peace Sherry.

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**Mary Jo Skaar** - October 25, 2024 at 12:01 PM

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“ Louise S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Ann Bestrom.

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**Louise S.** - October 24, 2024 at 10:52 PM