



## Shirley A Rusnacko

June 6, 1936 - September 4, 2024

Rusnacko, Shirley Ann, Age 88, of Columbia Heights, MN passed away on September 4th, 2024.

Shirley had a wonderful life here on earth and now is going to join her maker and her loving and caring parents, Verne and Evelyn Passage and sister, Audrey Singer. She was born in 1936 in Minneapolis, MN. After she graduated from Columbia Heights High School in 1954. Shirley's time was devoted to her family and she worked at variety places locally. She finished her career as a Secretary at the Wasie Foundation. She was a volunteer, on committees, and a proud lifelong member of Community United Methodist Church in Columbia Heights.

In 1950, Shirley met the love of her life, John M. Rusnacko, in High School. Shirley and John married on July 23rd, 1955 and had three sons, Bob, Jim and John, who were the joys of her life.

Shirley is survived by John, her loving husband of over 69 years, her three sons; Robert (Ruth), James (Susan), and John, eight beautiful granddaughters and step-granddaughters, Jenna, Katie, Laura, Emma, Grace, Tess, Abigail and Bryn, a special grandson Kyle who shares her birthday, and six amazing great grandchildren, Wesley, Brooklyn, Grayson, Macalister, Christian, and Sage.

Shirley loved spending time with family and friends. She enjoyed time up north at the cabin on the lake. You could find her biking on the Paul Bunyan Trail through her 80s. Her extended family was small but important to her as were

her friends and neighbors. Her big heart, humor, wit, and resilience will be dearly missed.

Please join in a celebration of her life at Washburn-McReavy Hillside Funeral Chapel and Cemetery at 2610 19th Avenue NE Minneapolis, MN 55418 on Wednesday, October 2nd, 2024; 10am visitation, 11am service and refreshments will follow.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillside Cemetery (Minneapolis)

2600 19th Ave NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hillside Chapel  
2610 19th Avenue N.E.  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

## Memorial Service

OCT 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Hillside Chapel  
2610 19th Avenue N.E.  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

# Tribute Wall



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley A Rusnacko.*



September 29, 2024 at 03:16 PM



“ *I will miss hearing you singing ‘I’m a little Petunia in an onion Patch’. Stories of living on 42nd Street, house your dad built with no indoor restroom and not inviting friends over for a sleepover. How your mom helped you weed the vegetable garden to pass the 4-H inspection to earn your badges. You had to tell you husband to shorten the football practice so the boys could go home and have their dinner. How you knew all your neighbors, sewing with ‘Barbs’, Meeting George at his porch for coffee and stories about Ole, the old swede. The special group of ladies friends you had. How much you loved you family and how proud your were of your grandchildren and we had to see the newest photos of the great grandchildren. How Chico’s big watery eyes made it difficult to say No to him. I look forward to meeting up with you to eat noodles and eggs. Kim and my other half, Tom.*

**Kim Fealy** - September 08, 2024 at 11:12 AM



*Should be ‘ I’m a Lonely Little Petunia in an onion patch’.*

**Kim Fealy** - September 08, 2024 at 11:18 AM