



Sonja Jean Kilberg

April 23, 1958 - February 28, 2023

Sonja Jean (Wickstrom) Kilberg

Age 64 of Edina, MN on Tuesday, February 28. Sonja passed away surrounded by her family and deacon after two months of health challenges that ended in respiratory failure. Sonja's faith, family, friends, and intellectual pursuits were the constants in her life. She was a voracious reader who loved conversation and people.

Sonja was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on April 23, 1958 to Victor and Carol Wickstrom. She graduated from South High School in 1976 and was voted "Most Likely to Succeed" by her classmates given her brilliance and knowledge of many subjects. She spent one semester at Lutheran Bible Institute in Seattle before graduating from Omaha Lutheran Bible Institute, after which she began her 30-year career at US Bank.

While on the bus to US Bank in St. Paul, she met her husband, Ric, who was working for the Pollution Control Agency. They were married on September 22, 2007. After a short period of adventures together, she began her role of caregiver for Ric.

Proceeded in death by husband Eric (Ric) Kilberg in 2017 and parents Victor Wickstrom and Carol (Torstein) Hampton.

Survived by sister Karen (Dan) Leighton, nephews Erik Springer (Mary Clare DuRocher), Jonathan Springer, niece Katie (Dimitri) Tsampis and great niece Mia Tsampis.

She is also survived and mourned by many: Kilberg family in-laws, cousins,

and dear friends including those from her beloved St. George's parish, her AA family, as well as friends and fellow book clubbers from Grandview Square. Her family wishes to thank the caring, compassionate, and competent nurses, doctors, and staff at Methodist Hospital where Sonja spent most of the last two months of her life.

Memorials may be sent to St. George's Episcopal Music Fund or the Deacon Diane Visitation Fund.

A memorial service to celebrate Sonja's life will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, March 11 at St. George's Episcopal Church at Minnetonka Boulevard and Highway 100 in Edina, MN. Visitation at 10 AM with lunch to follow at noon. To stream service go to: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdbKpDHuIHf4KgJzNtLSXHA>

Internment at Fort Snelling at a later date.

Night visitation Friday, March 10 from 5 to 7 PM at:

Washburn-McReavy.com

Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

5000 W. 50th & HWY 100

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Visitation

MAR 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. George's Episcopal Church
5224 Minnetonka Blvd.
St. Louis Park, MN 55416

Memorial Service

MAR 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. George's Episcopal Church
5224 Minnetonka Blvd.
St. Louis Park, MN 55416

Tribute Wall



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sonja Jean Kilberg.*



March 10, 2023 at 01:01 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sonja Jean Kilberg.*



March 09, 2023 at 07:04 PM



“ *Teresa, Jeff, Mary and Joe purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sonja Jean Kilberg.*



Teresa, Jeff, Mary and Joe - March 06, 2023 at 02:04 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Sonja Jean Kilberg.*



March 05, 2023 at 10:11 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sonja Jean Kilberg.*



March 05, 2023 at 09:59 AM



“ *3 files added to the album MEMORIES OF SONJA*



Lidia Avendaño-Grabow - March 04, 2023 at 04:22 PM

KL

Thank you Lidia for being one of Soni's best friends for her whole life!

Karen Leighton - March 04, 2023 at 07:33 PM

KC

God bless our dear Soni, who knew more about English history than I do, and I have a Ph.D.! There was a great scholar who wore her learning lightly. Love, Karen C.

Karen Cherewatuk - March 04, 2023 at 08:08 PM

BT

I will always remember wonderful conversations with Soni punctuated by her delightful chuckle. She was such a joyous soul. I miss her deeply

Bob Thacker - March 04, 2023 at 08:15 PM

SS

Thank you Soni for being such a huge blessing to Erik and Jon, among so many others, including me. What fun it was to talk with you about topics from A-Z, you always knew so much about everything and had the most interesting perspectives. Love and God's peace for you now forever. - Steve S.

Steve Springer - March 09, 2023 at 07:14 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Sonja Jean Kilberg.*



March 04, 2023 at 04:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sonja Jean Kilberg.*



March 04, 2023 at 03:03 PM