



Sylvia Ann Schmidt

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For 85 years Sylvia devoted her life and faithfulness to Jesus Christ and her family.

Sylvia was taken away by Jesus in the early morning of Sunday, August 14th, 2022.

She is survived by her husband, Ed, four sons: Stephen (Jackie), Daniel (Susan),

Andrew (Stacy), and Douglas (Melanie). Sylvia has seven grandchildren , Ryan,

Stacey, Scott, Michael, Kaylee, Tommy, Steven and five great grandchildren Ella,

Audrey, Levi, Jaiden and John. She is preceded in death by her parents Roscoe

and Ester Niccolls, her brothers and sisters, Helen, Harry, Margie, Ruthie, Eddie,

and granddaughter Emilee. She is survived by sister Linda.

Sylvia said that her husband was her "best friend and playmate". They shared a

true love, companionship, and made each other laugh.

Sylvia spent her high school teenage years deeply involved in the International

Order of Rainbow for Girls in Springfield, IL. This organization is supported by the

Masons and the Eastern Star adults. Rainbow prepares young girls for the responsibilities of adulthood, by building character, leadership, and supporting charities. Sylvia was also rewarded with the development of her strong will, energy, and a vibrant personality. This was paired with a sensitive and God loving

soul. That was Sylvia!

Eventually, she became the statewide Rainbow Adviser traveling throughout Illinois. This position ended in 1957, and then she married Ed. Sylvia spent two

years in Germany with Ed while he was in the military. They initially came back to

Springfield Illinois, but in 1974, Sylvia, Ed, and their four boys moved to Minnesota. Soon, Ed opened and developed a new mechanical service and contracting business in the Twin Cities. Sylvia supported Ed in the office and raised the boys. She took time to develop her skills, read a novel each week, and

began figure ice skating (cute tutus and all), swimming, and especially wood carving. Sylvia also enjoyed other art activities. She carved and painted wood into life-size birds and ducks. When the boys were high school age, the family hosted an exchange student from Finland for a year. Then she became an important representative in the Dayton store's home decorating department.

At age 52, she began her battle with a rare abdominal cancer which required four

major surgeries. These were completed by a specialist in Washington D.C. over a

two-year period. The surgeries restored her life, spirit, and her strength, and allowed her to share precious time with her grandchildren. Sylvia took her grandchildren to the Children's Theater and encouraged them to always do better.

Six years ago, many of you shared in the couple's happiness when Sylvia and Ed celebrated 60 years of marriage. However, multiple health concerns returned, and she was in hospice care for the past eleven months. During that time, she was primarily cared for in her home in Bloomington, Minnesota. Her husband, Ed, was her constant bedside caregiver, companion, and playmate (enjoying "picnics" of Chipotle or Culver's in the minivan. Jesus came on Sunday, August 14th, 2022 and the pain she endured for the last three months is now gone. Sylvia spread a little "sparkle" and the vivid rainbow colors of life wherever she went. Our loss is heaven's gain. Sylvia selflessly gave more than she took from life. She will always be remembered in the hearts of those who love her.

Memorials to your favorite charity are requested in lieu of flowers.

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Services in remembrance of Sylvia will take place this Friday, August 26th.

Visitation with her family and friends begins at 10:00 AM.

Worship Service at 11:00 AM at Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel

#1 Tower Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55450

Fellowship will continue at the Boy Scout Base Camp (nearby):

6202 Bloomington Rd., St. Paul, 55111

A meal of warm comfort food will be served at 12:00 PM.

All are welcome!

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel  
1 Tower Avenue  
Minneapolis, MN 55417

## Church Service

AUG **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ We will miss Sylvia's goodness, charm, generosity, beauty, sharing of good books to read, and her wry sense of humor. May the best of memories and God's grace be with Ed and the Schmidt family. Love from Ed and Jan Quinn

Janet Quinn - August 25, 2022 at 10:48 AM

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“ Sylvia & Ed raised 4 great sons who married wonderful ladies, all who are raising healthy grand children. Sylvia's sweet smile showed she had peace.  
Bob Schmidt & daughter Lauren Tomten pray Sylvia's extended family all find the Lord's peace.

Bob Schmidt - August 24, 2022 at 04:56 PM



“ My heart goes out to the entire Schmidt family, Sylvia was incredibly sweet and welcoming, and I would always look forward to her beautiful smile and charming conversation at Steve and Jackie's parties.  
I will be unable to attend Friday, as I am just getting over covid and still have a few quarantine days left, but know that you are in my thoughts and prayers, Love, Jeff xoxo

Jeff Beck - August 23, 2022 at 02:46 PM