



Trudy Ann Harper

March 23, 1952 - April 2, 2020

Trudy Harper was born March 23, 1952, and went to heaven on Thursday, April 2, 2020. She was the only daughter of Ralph and Evelyn Westphal who at the time of their death lived in Brooklyn Park, MN. She had one brother Terry Westphal also of Brooklyn Park, MN. She was married to Richard Harper of Plymouth on February 3, 1973. They had two children Matthew Harper of East Hartford, Conn. and Melanie Harper of the Twin Cities.

Trudy was a very good student and graduated from Robbinsdale High School on June 5, 1969. She went on to attend Pillsbury Baptist Bible College in Owatonna, MN and graduated in May 1973 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. It was here that she met her husband, Richard. Next she attended Mankato State University where she received a Bachelor of Science Magna Cum Laude on August 13, 1976.

Trudy began her teaching career in New Ulm, MN at First Baptist Christian School under the leadership of Pastor Gil Seddon and Principal Richard Harper. She was the lead teacher, band instructor and speech teacher there. In 1981, she moved to Minneapolis, and she taught at Bryant Avenue Baptist School where she taught and served as band instructor, music teacher and speech teacher under Pastor John Ballentine and principals David Grotzke and Richard Harper.

In 1993 Trudy moved to Karlstad, MN where she worked under Richard Harper, Principal helping students prepare for student conventions, at Heritage Christian School. In 1995, they moved to Grand Rapids Christian School in Grand Rapids, MN where Richard worked as principal and teacher and Trudy helped out in many ways. In 2000, we moved back to the Twin Cities as Trudy's health was deteriorating from the diabetes and MS she fought with for many years.

Trudy fought a good fight and lived for her Lord and Savior every day!

A private family graveside service will be held.

Tribute Wall



“ I was so saddened to here of the passing of Trudy. We all loved when Trudy came into the clinic, she always had a smile on her face and a positive attitude. She will truly be missed. Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time.

Haley (FV Bass Lake Clinic)

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“ Trudy Harper was my cousin who I knew and loved for 68 years. She was a wonderful Christian who "bloomed where she was planted" throughout many years of physical challenges. It is a comfort to know that on April 2020 Palm Sunday, in the middle of a world pandemic, she is in heaven with her Savior King and many Westphal, Cordes, and Phillips family members who loved her dearly. Meanwhile those of us who mourn her here are listening for the Rapture shout and trumpet and anticipating a wonderful reunion in Heaven. I Thessalonians 4:13-18. Thank you to the members of Fourth Baptist Church who showed Trudy compassionate care and love for many years. Arlene (Phillips) Sershon, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Arlene Sershon - April 08, 2020 at 11:04 AM