



Wendee Walling Fortman

November 19, 1949 - June 21, 2025

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Wendee Walling Fortman on June 21, 2025. Wendee had dealt with several recurring health issues for several years and struggled with them continually. She died peacefully in Hospice care with her son and sister Phoebe present.

Wendee was born on November 19, 1949, to Bonney Scott and Lampert Walling. She grew up in Edina, Minnesota, where she spent most of her life. She graduated from Edina High School in 1967. She then followed one of her dreams and attended Montana State University. Following that she enrolled in the Nursing program at Abbott Northwestern Hospital. She was also somewhat mercurial, having spent various time as a travel agent, a vet tech and living in Missouri. Wendee was preceded in death by her mother and father as well as her former husband Gary Fortman. She is survived by her son Sean Fortman, her sisters Andrea Walling and Phoebe Walling and her brother Wright Walling, as well as her nieces Andrea Lindquist, Kristin Moore, Stacia Driver and Brianna Walling.

Wendee had 2 great loves in her life. One was the family cabin in Nisswa, Minnesota, where she spent most summers from an early age. She loved the ability to read extensively, enjoying the relaxed atmosphere of the woods, beaches and water. It was her happy place.

Her other love was horses. From a very early age that awe and fondness was evident. From the early days of playing games focused on horses to her commitment to caring for, grooming, and pampering the horses she owned in

later life, her continuing passion was always evident. One could not be around her without seeing and feeling her excitement.

A memorial celebration of her life will be held on July 16th from 4:00-7:00 at Washburn-McReavy at 5000 West 50th St in Edina.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JUL **16**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wendee Walling Fortman.

July 15, 2025 at 09:43 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wendee Walling Fortman.



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“ The Dolny Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Wendee Walling Fortman.



The Dolny Family - July 12, 2025 at 12:21 PM



“ Our condolences to her son Sean and all of the Walling family on the passing of this lovely, sweet lady. We have such fond memories of Wendee throughout the years especially seeing her and her family up north at the Walling cabin. Rest in peace, sweet Wendee.
The Dolny Family

The Dolny Family - July 12, 2025 at 11:59 AM



Thank you so much for the kind words and beautiful flowers! The celebration of life went really well. We'll miss her forever.
Phoebe

Phoebe Walling - July 17, 2025 at 06:30 PM