



Yvonne Rosenquist Williams

April 21, 1927 - March 30, 2026

Yvonne R. Williams, age 98 of Roseville, MN went home to be with her Lord and Savior on March 30, 2026. Yvonne is preceded in death by her parents, Waldemar and Viola Rosenquist, her husband, Russell Frederick Williams, and her sister Joyce Gabrelcik. She is survived by her daughter Michelle Heather Williams, her sisters Lorraine Bonin and Joan Kuberski, many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great-great-nieces and nephews. She is also survived by many cherished friends.

A celebration of life will be on April 24, at Eagle Brook Church, 8498 Sunset Rd NE, Spring Lake Park, 10:00 AM Visitation, 11:00 Service. A short service will be held at Hillside Cemetery, Minneapolis, following the celebration of life. Yvonne was the eldest of four daughters. She was born in Minneapolis, MN on 4/21/1927. The family lived in Minneapolis until Yvonne was 10, when they moved to Spring Lake Park, which later became Mounds View.

Yvonne went to Northwestern Bible School because she felt like she needed Christian training. She attended school from 7:00 AM until noon, then worked at Sears in the catalog department, filling orders until 7:00 PM. As a result of being tired from her strenuous school and work schedule, Yvonne was unable to complete her education. She left the Bible School and continued to work for Sears, for several years.

When she was 21, Yvonne applied to God's Invasion Army, through the Baptist Church. She was involved in God's Invasion Army on the East coast, a one year commitment. This was also the first year of the program (1947).

Early morning devotions and prayer time, were followed by visitation in neighborhoods and sharing about the church and Jesus. Afternoons were spent teaching children, and evenings were spent with adults in the church. Lodging was provided by church members.

After she left God's Invasion Army, Yvonne worked at a children's home in Bristol, Connecticut. From there, she worked at a church where she did visitations, in addition to working with youth. This is where she met her husband, Russell Williams. Yvonne and Russell sang together at church, with Russell playing the guitar. They dated in 1951, from April to August, and were married on August 24. Michelle Heather came to live with Yvonne & Russell through the foster system, on April 30, 1970 when she was 14 months old. Michelle was later adopted by them.

Yvonne and her family lived in Bristol Connecticut until 1985, when they moved to Minnesota. Russel died on March 15, 2002, after 50 years of marriage. Yvonne and Russell lived in two homes, before Yvonne moved to Oakcrest in 2011, then EagleCrest in 2024.

Yvonne loved family gatherings, playing cards with her sisters, and spending weekends with Michelle Heather. Yvonne has attended Eagle Brook since she returned to Minnesota. She was part of a senior group called Encompass. Yvonne's Bible knowledge was extensive. She taught bible studies for several years.

Yvonne was grateful for many friendships she cultivated at church, and while living at Oak Crest and EagleCrest, both Presbyterian Homes facilities. As a family, we are grateful for the love, support, and care she received towards the end of life at EagleCrest, with additional support by Park Nicollet Hospice, truly Angels.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery (Minneapolis)

2600 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Eagle Brook Church - Spring Lake Park
8498 Sunset Road Northeast
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

Memorial Service

APR 24. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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