

Murlene M Brainard, age 87, of Little Canada, MN, died on October 11, 2023, at Jones-Harrison Senior Living in St Louis Park, MN.

Murlene L Murdock was born on September 16, 1936 in Mandan, ND, to Elinor W. (Bill) and Lillie (Abel) Murdock. Murlene moved to Detroit Lakes, MN as a 6th grader. She graduated from Detroit Lakes High School in 1954. She married her high school sweetheart, David Brainard, on August 26, 1955. Murlene and David were active in their churches, most recently Community Alliance Church in Detroit Lakes. Murlene & David also enjoyed their timeshare weeks in Branson, MO. Murlene especially enjoyed reading cozy mysteries, spending time with family and playing games like Farkle & Yahtzee.

Murlene started her primary career with Northwestern Bell Telephone as an operator when she turned 16. She continued to work for Bell in various office administrator positions and as District Office Manager until she retired after 32 years. She went on to provide office administration to a couple of local DL businesses, Hedahl's and CJJ / Starliner, before completely retiring.

She is survived by three daughters, Vicki Brainard, of Shoreview, MN; Claudia (Don) Wiebold, of Shoreview, MN; and Jacque (Massoud) Brainard Emami, of Cave Creek, AZ; seven grandchildren, Nathan (Jenelle Pangborn) Wiebold, Carmen (Jesse) Wiebold Jefferson, Kyle (Joey) Kohns Wikoff, Alex (Sonja) Kohns, Kaly (Brian) Kohns Mozey, Aric Kohns, and Kara Kohns; and one great-granddaughter, Morgan Rae Kohns.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David Brainard, and her parents.



Celebrating THE LIFE OF



Murlene L. Brainard

September 16, 1936–October 11, 2023

I am the way,
The truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father
Except through me.
John 14: 6



Murlene "Suzie" Brainard

September 16, 1936 * Mandan, North Dakota

October 11, 2023 * Minneapolis, Minnesota

Memorial Service

Sunday, October 29, 2023 * 2:00 p.m.

Community Alliance Church

Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Officiated by

Pastor Matt McKenzie

Pastor Jorde Hutton

Pianist

Karen Bimberg

Musical Selections

"Old Rugged Cross"

"Beautiful Savior"

"How Great Thou Art"

"Amazing Grace"

Interment

Oak Grove Cemetery

Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Arrangements by

West-Kjos Funeral Home

Detroit Lakes, Minnesota