

Celebrating the Life of

Elaine Lucille (Miller) Walker was born on July 11, 1940, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the daughter of James and Lucille (Fladeboe) Miller. She was baptized at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church in Minneapolis and confirmed at Woodlake Lutheran Church in Richfield. She grew up in Richfield and graduated from Richfield High School in 1958. She was secretary of her senior class, a student council member and Homecoming Royalty.

In 1958, Elaine was married to Dick Koehring and were blessed with three children, Deborah, Susan and Thomas. She worked at the Richfield State Bank, Phillips Manufacturing and was a legal secretary. Elaine was instrumental in the establishment of Waymar Industries, which became a successful business. She also assisted in managing Fireside Pizza for many years.

In 1984, Elaine was married to William "Bill" Walker and three more children came into her life, Bill, Barbara and Tina. Elaine worked as the office manager for Bill's private psychology practice from 1985 to 1988 and from 2001 to 2019. Elaine also worked in the Willmar Public School District for 20 years as a special needs paraprofessional, retiring in 2009. In 1990, they moved Willmar and have resided in New London for the past 18 years.

Elaine enjoyed visiting with friends, playing bridge, golfing, bowling, crocheting, reading, jazz concerts, bird watching, spending time with her adult children, watching her two grandsons, Payton and Nicholas play hockey, basketball, football and baseball. She and Bill rode their recumbent bikes a thousand miles every summer for many years. Jazz concerts were one of their favorite forms of entertainment, whether they be near or as far away as Switzerland. Vacationing with her adult children in Oregon, Montana, Idaho and Washington states were unforgettable. Her most treasured memory was going with Bill to Greece to visit the birthplace of her father. Elaine also enjoyed cooking, baking, and hosting many family gatherings over the years. She collected recipes and recipe books.

She is survived by her loving husband, Bill; children, Susan VonEschen, Thomas (and Tao) Koehring, Bill Jr. (and Elayna) Walker, Barbara Hurd, Tina (and John) Indrehus; two grandchildren, Payton and Nicholas; brother, David (and Diane) Miller; sister-in-law, Dee; nephew, Jim (and Sue), and her best friend, Cathie Bystedt.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant daughter, Deborah; brother, Jerome Miller and sister-in-law, Flo Grubich.



Elaine Walker

1940 - 2023

*You can shed tears that she is gone
Or you can smile because she has lived.*

*You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back,
Or you can open your eyes and see that she has left.*

*Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
Or you can be full of the love that you shared.*

*You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember her and only that she is gone
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.*

*You can cry and close your mind,
Be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what she would want:
Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.*

-David Harkins

In Loving Memory Of

Elaine L. Walker

July 11, 1940

Minneapolis, Minnesota

March 25, 2023

Willmar, Minnesota

Celebration of Life Service

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 - 11:00 a.m.

Peterson Brothers Green Lake Funeral Home
Spicer, Minnesota

Officiant

Pastor Wayne D. Kopitzke

Music

Pianist: Paula Grahm

Vocalist: Craig Aurand

“Beautiful Savior” & “The Lord’s Prayer”

Recorded songs:

“The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face” - Mel Torme

“Always On My Mind” - Willie Nelson

Interment

Oak Hill Cemetery
Minneapolis, Minnesota