

Karen E. Merry, 77, Detroit Lakes, MN died Friday, August 16, 2019
at Ecumen-The Cottages of Detroit Lakes.



Karen Elizabeth Graham was born September 29, 1941 in Frazee, MN to Lincoln and Josephine (Evans) Graham. She grew up in Frazee and as a young lady was a life guard at Town Lake. She also played saxophone in a small band for Jr and Sr High School dances. Karen graduated from Frazee High School and furthered her education at Moorhead State University. She earned her Masters Degree in Library Science from St. Cloud State University. She accepted her first job as an elementary school librarian at Spring Lake Park Elementary School in Blaine, MN. She moved to Detroit Lakes where she became the librarian at the Detroit Lakes Junior High and was instrumental in the design of the new library at the Junior High. Karen took on the task of redesigning

the library at the Detroit Lakes Technical College and for many years was the college librarian. She retired from the college in mid 2000's. Karen also assisted in creating a library at the Detroit Lakes Methodist Church as well as the marina condominiums. Karen selflessly gave of her free time, volunteering many hours as a jail counselor for incarcerated women in Becker County. A few times took children in her own home so they could visit their mom the next day. She was actively involved with the Detroit Lakes Country Club Ladies Golf Association as a member and one time president, and created "Casual Thursday Ladies Golf" at the Detroit Lakes Executive Course. For 13 years, Karen and Chuck were in charge of the Pine to Palm Golf Tournament. She introduced computers as an aid in administering the mailings, records and operation of the event. During her spare time, Karen loved going on walks throughout the lakes area. She and Chuck busied themselves cross country skiing and loved skiing the Pine Lake Trail at Tamarac Preserve. Karen was a deeply spiritual person who had a daily prayer and meditation practice. For many years, Karen was involved with the League of Women Voters in Becker County, along with volunteering for several political campaigns. She was always actively involved in improving her community.

Karen will be remembered and deeply missed by her husband, Charles Merry of Detroit Lakes, their daughter, Josephine (Shawn) Robinson of Arden Hills, MN, step-children: Lynda Merry (Tom Weiss), Charles (Cheryl) Merry, Sue (Lance) Fibranz and Laura (Scott) Kragness. In addition she is survived by eight grandchildren: Lucas Robinson, Davis Robinson, Kelly Olson, Nick Merry, Levi Merry, Cole Fibranz, Kate Kragness and Anna Kragness. She is also survived by two brothers: Ed Graham, Louis Graham and one sister: Marietta Anderson along with nieces: Angela Seaberg, Joy Penny, Roz Graham and nephews: Ted Anderson, Ben Anderson and Grant Graham.

She is preceded in death by her parents and one step-daughter, Denise Merry Miller.

Remembering With Love, Karen





Remember Me

*Remember me when flowers bloom early in the spring
Remember me on sunny days in the fun that summer brings*

*Remember me in the fall as you walk through the leaves of gold
And in the wintertime, remember me in the stories that are told*

*But most of all remember each day, right from the start
I will be forever near, for I live within your heart*

...Judith Karen Bulock



With Love Remembered Karen Elizabeth Merry



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Born to Life Eternal

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Service of Love and Remembrance

Friday, August 23, 2019 - 1:00 P.M.

David-Donhower Funeral Home
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Chaplain Peter Gallatin, ***Officiating***

Reader

Ed Graham

Special Music

Anna Kragness, ***Pianist***

Urn Bearer

Josie Robinson

Interment

Chilton Cemetery
Frazee, Minnesota