

Karen Grundy – BS 1967 Medical Technology

Grundy, Karen R. Age 79 of Lakeville, MN, passed away on November 4, 2023. Karen was born in Fargo, North Dakota, attended Fargo High School and graduated with a B.S. degree from NDSU, where she met Gary, her husband of 52 years. Karen became a medical technologist and retired as the supervisor of a medical lab in St. Paul. Karen was a warm, loving person who made friends wherever she went and had many "adopted kids" and kitties throughout her life. Known for her love of the holidays and festive gatherings, she and Gary hosted their famous annual Pumpkin Hunt for +40 years and many holiday singalongs. She was an enthusiastic photographer, gardener, pie baker, holiday treat maker, cake decorator and needle pointer - she always had some type of creative project underway. Karen had particularly fond memories of summer family trips as a child with brother Brucie and friends to Cotton Lake, and later travel to visit family in Norway, and the North Shore with girlfriends.

Karen is preceded in death by her husband Gary, loving parents Arthur (Grumpy) and Esther Paulsen, sister-in-law Barbara Paulsen and survived by her brother Bruce Paulsen and nieces Tami (Patrick) Norton and Michelle Morgan, five great nieces and nephews, her godchildren and many dear long-term friends. A private gathering will be planned at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be sent to [Lifeworks.org](https://www.lifeworks.org).