

Donna Jean Syverson Meredith was born on July 22, 1940 and passed away on January 29, 2013,



at age 72. She had been living in Edina for many years with husband, Dick Meredith, Minnesota Gopher and Olympic Hockey Player. Her passing was peaceful and with her loving family at her side. Her only child, a daughter, Kelly (husband Brian) Kapeller and her beloved granddaughters Abigail, Ellie and Brooke had an especially close and loving relationship with Donna. Kelly and her three children played an important role in Donna's funeral and eulogized



Donna in a manner that showed the special attention that Donna gave to all of them. Other survivors include Donna's sisters Ellie, Ann and Ramona and brother, Irvin.

A few years ago Donna had contracted breast cancer, which she treated with a mastectomy and chemotherapy. The initial belief was that the cancer had been arrested and for some time showed no signs of returning. But more recently the cancer returned. Donna chose not to undergo the myriad of chemo treatments available, choosing instead to let nature take its course. This must have been a very difficult decision, inasmuch as her love for, companionship with and leadership of her family was the paramount reason for joy in her life.

Here's a recent picture of Donna and Dick with their three granddaughters:



You may recall that in high school Donna was one of 4 runner-ups to Homecoming Queen Jane McCanney, and thereby a part of "Her Majesty's Court." Donna also was active in Glee Club, Blue Tri, Pep Club, Red Cross and Student Council. Here are a couple of pictures from 2008 of Donna with a couple of close high school friends, Sally Jones Lowe (left) and Susan Zimmerman Wernz (right):

