

formerly of Verdon, NE

Caroline Ann McKay, age 79, passed away on Mother's Day, May 8, 2022 at her home in Rochester, Minnesota.

She was born July 10, 1943 in Falls City, NE to Frank Sheehan and Helen (Babb) Sheehan.

Growing up on a farm near Verdon, NE as the youngest of three siblings, meant Caroline was spared from many of the tougher daily chores. As her brothers Michael, Richard and sister Pat would have easily reminded you, but those years on the farm instilled in her a toughness and resiliency that she carried with her all her life.

She attended Sacred Heart High School in Falls City and not long after graduation, moved to Omaha. In 1964 she met her husband of 55 years Robert (Bob) McKay. Getting married on October 30, 1965, they soon settled down and had three children, Michael, Matthew, and Tricia.

Caroline loved being creative. She enjoyed painting and then picked up sewing in the 1970s. Outfitting her three children in some of the grooviest homemade outfits to ever hit the Omaha Public School system. Luckily many were documented on Kodachrome film for posterity and laughs. Later, taking up photography she documented every road trip, golf course and fishing stream she and Bob encountered during their retirement. Her curiosity and desire to learn was endless.

She was a devout wife and mother. When Bob was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 1991, they started a long tough journey together that lasted until his death in September of 2020. Her unwavering support and strength helped him until the very end, even as she started her own fight with cancer.

With all this, she rarely let it get her down approaching everyday with optimism and positivity. With a great smile and easy laugh, few made friends faster than her.

Caroline is preceded in death by her husband Bob; her parents Frank and Helen; her brothers Michael and Richard, and recently by her sister Pat Sheehan. After Pat's passing, Caroline was determined to stay healthy long enough to attend the memorial service a few months later, which she did. Closure that meant so much to her.

She is survived by her children and their spouses Michael (Amy), Matt (Pebble), Tricia (John); her granddaughter, Anna, and six nieces and nephews.

Prayer Services are being held Friday, June 10, 2022 at 11:00 am at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home with Father Lawrence Stoley officiating. Inurnment will be in Falls City Catholic Cemetery.