

Farrel Elizabeth Rich

Rich, Farrel Elizabeth Age 73 of St. Paul passed away on 31 October 2021. Farrel was preceded in death by parents Alan and Rose ("Poppy") Rich, sister Susan Rich, and former husband Nathan Perlman. She is survived by son Nicholas Perlman (Dina), daughter Amanda Tempel (Mark), granddaughter Raina Tempel, life partner Andy Kiorpes and his family, many cousins, aunts and uncles, and the friends she made over a lifetime. Born in St. Paul, Farrel was raised in Rochester, graduated from John Marshall

High School in 1965, and attended the University of Minnesota. She loved art and applied her passion to a career as an interior designer at Dayton's in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Farrel also loved reading books and listening to classical music, especially opera. She was a supporter of the arts including MPR, the MIA, and the Minnesota Orchestra. Upon retirement, she decamped to Lake City, where she was active in the community for over 10 years, formed many new friendships, and served on boards of the Lake City library and Faith in Action. Her home, "the little yellow house on the corner," was a welcoming place for all who visited. Farrel loved travel and experienced the wonders of The Great Wall of China, the Forum of ancient Rome, the art of Florence, and the beauty of the Alhambra. In 2016, Alzheimer's Disease began to steal her memory, her speech, her infectious smile, her pixilated sense of humor, her energy, and ultimately her life. Farrel's passing leaves a void and yet a profound sense of gratitude for having had this wonderful person as part of our lives. Thanks to the staff of Sholom Home East for the care and support they provided Farrel the last 3 years of her life and of Allina Hospice for facilitating her transition. Memorials in Farrel's name can be directed to the MN-ND Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. A private family interment will be held.

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Guest Book

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Gail R Freedman 8 months ago

Dear Amanda, Nick, and Family,

I am very sorry for the loss of your beautiful mother. I know you are still so sad and missing her terribly. Sending you lots of love and peace while you are mourning her.

Amanda 8 months ago

Thank you. We are reading the books the invisible string and invisible web to Rinah.

Marilyn Miller 8 months ago

Andy, I remember our support group at Sholom. I'm so sorry to hear of Farrels passing. Please accept my condolences. Marilyn Miller (widow of Robert Miller, d: 4/18/20)