



Mrs. Melinda Dirksmeyer

January 15, 1947 - March 20, 2025

Melinda Lowe Dirksmeyer passed away peacefully at home on March 20, 2025 at the age of 84 surrounded by family. Born on January 15, 1941 in Austin, Texas, she was the daughter of Virginia Moore Lowe and Joseph William Lowe. Melinda was preceded in death by her beloved husband Eugene Dirksmeyer, and by her sister Josephine (Joseph) Lowe Barry and two brothers, Michael Lowe and Stephen Lowe. She is survived by her daughters Elizabeth (James) Dirksmeyer Frey, Theresa Dirksmeyer, and Susan Dirksmeyer, all of East Alton. She is also survived by her sister Deborah (Edward) Lowe Palkot of Houston, Texas as well as 4 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Melinda considered Paula Narup, a childhood friend of her daughters, as one of her own.

Never one to shrink from a challenge, Melinda worked hard at a variety of jobs from the Glassworks to McDonald's to Schnuck's.

Nor did Melinda ever shrink from speaking her mind, keeping us all on our toes. She was a strong, independent woman who was not easily persuaded to change her opinion or follow advice she did not solicit. Melinda loved to bake and was famous for her chocolate chip cookies and apple pies. She also loved to crochet and cross-stitch. While some of these hobbies fell by the wayside, the one constant in her life was her love of books. Melinda was a voracious reader who put the rest of us to shame.

Previous Events

memorial service

MAR **24**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Inurnment

MAR **31** (CT)

Brighton Cemetery
4800 Old Brighton Road
Brighton, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Melinda Dirksmeyer.*



March 23, 2025 at 02:46 PM



“ *MY PARENTS BABYSAT FOR MELINDA AND GENES GIRLS FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND THEY ALL BECAME LIKE FAMILY TO US! MELINDA WAS A VERY HARD WORKER AND A WONDERFUL MOTHER! MELINDA WILL BE LOVED AND MISSED BY ALL WHO WERE BLESSED TO KNOW HER!*

STACIE THOMAS - March 23, 2025 at 12:18 PM



“ *The Palkot family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mrs. Melinda Dirksmeyer.*



The Palkot family - March 23, 2025 at 11:26 AM