



Ellen Wolfson

Wolfson, Ellen Age 92, of Minneapolis, passed away on Dec. 3, at her home. Ellen came to Minneapolis to attend the Cadet Nurses Training program at Minneapolis General Hospital, now HCMC. As a surgical nurse at Mount Sinai Hospital she became active in the MNA. She helped lead the MNA's campaign for nurses pensions and seniority protections in 1984, and helped organize the successful strike of some 6,000 MNA members. Ellen helped open Phillips Eye Institute and retired from there in 1987. Ellen was a strong DFL Progressive. While living in Minnetonka's Third District she joined with the League of Women Voters in supporting Joan Growe's first legislative campaign. Ellen continued to support Growe for Secretary of State and her unsuccessful campaign for U.S. Senate. Ellen and her husband Stanley L., became early full-time residents of downtown Minneapolis, moving to the Towers condominiums in 1968. They supported candidates like Keith Ellison, Lisa Goodman, Erin Murphy and Jacob Frey. In retirement the Wolfsons traveled extensively. Ellen visited all seven continents including Antarctica. Ellen, born in 1926 in Ironwood, Mich., married Stanley in 1947 in Minneapolis. Stanley died in 2012. Survived by children Sara, of Minneapolis, and David of Oakland, CA. A remembrance gathering will be at 3 PM, Dec. 14, Towers Garden Room.

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Anonymous 🕒 July 16, 2019

Both Ellen and her husband seem like truly open-minded and wonderful people. My condolences on her passing.

I happen to know her son who lives in Oakland, CA. The only sad being is her son David Wolfson. He unfortunately is an extremely immature and irrational individual. Quite racist in his thoughts and actions. Not generally liked my most around him. The fella never matured fully into an adult. What a waste of a lifetime, sadly.

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David Levinstein 🕒 December 11, 2018

My dear Aunt Ellen was truly a woman ahead of her time.

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Kathi Koehn RN 🕒 December 11, 2018

I am so grateful that I was able to know Ellen.... loved her passion for nursing and progressive politics. I always wanted to sit and listen to her stories of nursing, of travel, of politics. Whatever Ellen had to say, I wanted to hear!

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Marsha Gille and Roger Raina 🕒 December 10, 2018

We will miss Ellen on our skyway and river walks.


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Mary Jo 🕒 December 9, 2018

I really adored Ellen! I loved working with her at MNA! She was a go -getter & passionate about nursing & hc for all! I loved her stories about her travels & enjoyed seeing her in all her hats!! Will miss you Ellen!

Mary Jo George

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Sara Miele  December 9, 2018

You were a good mom and role model

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Anonymous  June 29, 2019

Sorry for your loss.

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