

## **McCrea, Katherine Hatfield**

74, died peacefully in her sleep at home in Hopkins after a brief illness. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Bill, son Tom and grandson Jack of Minneapolis and son Bill, daughter-in-law Margot and grandchildren, Mimi and Bo of Chicago. Kay was born in Rochester, MN on July 4th, 1936. Her childhood was spent along the Mississippi River in Wabasha where she was the only child of the late Katherine and Judge Arnold Hatfield. In the mid 1950s she attended Macalester College in St. Paul and received her bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota in 1958, where she was a member of the Alpha Phi sorority. She was a devoted daughter, loving wife, nurturing mother and an admirably indulgent grandmother. Throughout her life she was active in the Junior League along with charities such as the Courage Center and Dress for Success. She had a keen interest in others and many rewarding, life-long friendships. She engaged the world around her with a delightful combination of honesty and fun. Her lively spirit, empathy and warmth will always remain close to those who loved her. A memorial service is planned for the spring with an announcement to follow. Her family kindly requests that memorials be directed to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network ([www.pancan.org](http://www.pancan.org); toll free: 877-272-6226).