



## Lucille Emelyn Keltgen

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Lucille was born December 12, 1923 to Floyd and Florence Summerlet in Litchfield, MN. She and her younger sister, Verlenne, grew up on their farm near Lake Lillian, MN. She attended the local Lake Lillian elementary school, then on to Bird Island High School. After graduating in 1941, she attended American Business College in Minneapolis, MN. Over the next several years she enjoyed living and working in Baltimore, MD, Los Angeles, CA, and Minneapolis, MN. She was married for a period of time to Willys (Bill) L. Keltgen, They had one daughter, Deborah. Lucille moved with her parents and daughter to Seattle, WA. In 1953 for 1 ½ years. She spent the next fifteen years in Willmar, MN, employed by the Great Northern/Burlington Northern Railroad while raising her daughter. She was a member of the Willmar Assembly of God Church. During her tenure there, she invested her time in young people, forming and directing vocal music groups. She was also a member of the Board of Directors of West Central Minnesota Youth for Christ. In 1970, Lucille transferred to the Minneapolis offices of the Burlington Northern, retiring in 1989. During her years in Minneapolis and Golden Valley, she completed her Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Minnesota. She was a long time member of First Covenant Church in Downtown Minneapolis, and of The American Association of University Women. In 1998 she moved to 7500 York, a retirement community in Edina, MN, where she served as chair and/or member of a number of committees.

Lucille (Lucy) spent her last two years at Meadow Ridge Senior Living (Memory Care) in Golden Valley, MN.

She is survived by her daughter, Debby (Paul) Slechta of Minnetonka, MN, two grandsons, Eric (Shannon), of Chanhassen, MN and Mark (Amelia), of St. Francis, MN, three great granddaughters, Reese, Emelyn, and Lila, two great grandsons, Owen and Archie, and five nephews and their families. She was preceded in death by her brother Donald, her parents, Floyd and Florence Summerlet, and her sister, Verlenne Huisinga.

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“ To the family of Lucille, I remember your mom and grandmom when I was a new member at First Cov. She was so kind and interested in my family. I remember many conversations with her. She was such a bright light. I have not seen her for many years now, but I hold fond memories of Lucille. My condolences to her family and friends.

**Heidi Mathers** - May 26 at 12:26 AM