



## Phyllis Aileen Odland

March 9, 1926 - June 17, 2020

Odland, Phyllis Aileen 94, beloved wife, mother, grandma and great-grandma, died peacefully on June 17, 2020. She was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on March 9, 1926, to John and Mabel Peterson. Phyllis graduated from Washburn High School (senior class Vice-President) and from Gustavus Adolphus College with a degree in social work. At Gustavus, she met Marvin Odland when they were seated alphabetically in class. They were married August 23, 1947, raised four children, and enjoyed over 72 years of marriage. After Marvin's graduation from Luther Seminary, Phyllis and Marvin moved to Harvey, North Dakota, to serve at First Lutheran Church. In 1952, they moved to Minot, North Dakota, where they lived until their retirement in 1987. Phyllis was actively involved in the churches they served: teaching Sunday School; singing in church choirs; leading Bible studies; and planning programs. For nearly twenty years, Phyllis enjoyed working for the Ward County Planning Council in Minot. After retiring, they moved to Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, where she was involved in their church, her PEO group, and her quilting club. They later returned to live in Minnesota to be near family and to reconnect with high school friends. Phyl and Marv loved traveling and always remembered their six-week trip to Europe in 1963, a number of wonderful cruise experiences, and the annual family camping trips. Phyllis was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin and daughter, Anne. She is survived by children, David (Susan) Odland, Linda (Jim) Brown, and Mark (Rebecca) Odland; grandchildren, Jeffrey Odland, Erik (Michelle) Odland, Amy (Ryan) Sommers, and Adam (Michelle) Odland; and five great grandchildren, Anders Odland, Eleanor and Clark Sommers, and Clara and Nolan Odland. A special thank you to the staff at Aurora on France Skyview unit in Edina. A gravesite memorial service at Acacia Park Cemetery is pending. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Gustavus Adolphus College, Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, or Luther Seminary. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996