



Virginia Ann Born

February 27, 1930 - January 30, 2019

Born, Virginia Ann (nee Messerli) Age 88, of Minneapolis. Jinny passed away January 30, 2019. Born in St. Paul, MN on February 27, 1930, to Clemens and Charlotte (Naumann) Messerli. Preceded in death by husband Vernon Born, sister Carol Mueller (Messerli), brother-in-law LeRoy Mueller and sister-in-law Verona Ludgate (Born). She is survived by children Catherine, Adrienne (David Wiggins), Christopher (Sharon) and Stephen. She had six grandchildren: Alex (Amanda), Nate (Tori), Diana (Alex), Elena Born, and Lucas and Elora Wiggins and a great-grandchild, Miles, son of Diana (Born) and Alex Bermello. Also survived by in-laws; Marlene (Born) and Truman Roach, god-daughter Marilyn Hanson (Mueller), and by many nieces and nephews She also will be sorely missed by many, including her lifelong friends Hanna, Marcia, Sue, Diane, and Barb. Jinny graduated from Harding High School in St Paul. She started her working life as a church secretary for Pilgrim Lutheran Church in St. Paul, and after her marriage to Vern, was able to spend time at home raising their four kids. The family moved to Akron, Ohio for a year, but homesick for Minnesota, they moved back to live on Nokomis Avenue in South Minneapolis. She returned to work when the kids got older and retired as an executive secretary to the Vice President of Human Resources for the Star Tribune Newspaper. She was proud of her work founding and managing the Junior Fellowship group at Faith Lutheran Church where she also sang in the church choir. She made sure her children were exposed to the arts in the community with many trips to local museums, theaters, and concerts. Exercise included hauling many pounds of books from the Nokomis Library every week. She put in the work to get the family up to Green Lantern Resort every summer. In retirement, Jinny and Vern were able to move over a couple blocks to their dream home on Minnehaha Creek. From there they took many trips to Hawaii and other warm places. Virginia took additional trips with her eldest daughter to the United Kingdom, and Nova Scotia. The family thanks New Perspectives Highland Park, especially the memory care staff. Memorials may be directed to a charity of the donor's choice. Family and friends will be invited to a celebration of life ceremony in early spring.