



Ann Nielsen

June 2, 2010

Nielsen, Ann Helgeson of Edina, age 78 passed away May 28, 2010. She is survived by 7 grandchildren and three sons and one daughter-Ginger Helgeson Nielsen of San Diego, Brace Helgeson of Eden Prairie, Kent Helgeson of Kansas City and Grant Helgeson of Scottsdale, AZ. Ann is also survived by a brother, Bill Peters, Glenwood, MN and a sister, Ruth Kelly, Hastings, MN. Ann was born in Omaha, NE. She spent most of her childhood in Glenwood, MN where her grandparents founded Peters' Sunset Beach Hotel and Resort on Lake Minnewaska. Ann attended Carlton College and graduated from the University of MN, Cum Laude, '54 with a degree in Elementary Education. She was married to Jerry Helgeson of St. Cloud, MN. During her years in St. Cloud she chaired the May Bowle, a benefit for St. John's University, St. Benedicts and St. Cloud State University. Ann also hosted a TV show on Cable TV, was Public Relations Director for United Way and a board member and president of St. Cloud Country Club. Ann's primary professional interest was Fine Art. She did graduate work in Art History at St. Cloud State University and studied sculpture with Evelyn Raymond, Minneapolis. She represented several prominent local artists and was president of the Associates of the Minneapolis College of Art & Design. Ann originated and co-chaired three MCAD Benefit Art auctions which raised money for college scholarships. She was also a member of MCAD's Board of Trustees. Ann was a Docent at the Walker Art Center. She also served on the Fine Arts Board of Plymouth Congregational Church, where she was a

member. Ann's many interests included her grandchildren and found great pleasure in helping others to develop an appreciation of good art. In addition to a private burial attended by her family, there will be a celebration of life for Ann at Plymouth Congregational Church, 1900 Nicollet Ave, Minneapolis on Saturday, June 5th at 4:30 PM. A reception for friends and family will follow in the Art Gallery of the Church. Memorials will be dedicated to the Fine Arts Board of Plymouth Church. Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996