



Ardelle Wenzel Linc

March 31, 2015

Linc, Ardelle Wenzel August 24, 1920 - March 31, 2015 94, gracefully journeyed to meet her Lord on Mar. 31, 2015. Husband of 27 years, Frank, was at her side to give her peace and love. Preceded in death by first husband of 44 years, Otto Wenzel, brother Harold Baumann and nephew Bill Baumann, Ardelle enthusiastically lived the life of a caregiver extraordinaire, learning from a very young age as she accompanied her mother Helen to visit those in need. A lifelong resident of Hopkins and lifelong member of Zion Lutheran Church, for over 40 years Ardelle voluntarily chaired and administered the county Loan Closet medical supply service mostly from her own garage. Other prominent positions of service included President of both Hopkins Womens Club and League of Women Voters. The super size of her heart allowed Ardelle until recently to have prominent volunteer roles serving in charitable organizations including Hopkins Auxiliary, Hopkins Concert Association, Hopkins Historical Society, Meals on Wheels, Opportunity Partners, ICA Food Shelf, Zion Food Shelf, Family Resource Center, Books Of The Bible In Braille, Lutheran Children's Friend, Open Circle Senior Day Care, Landscape Arboretum, and Board Of Human Care to name a few. And her visitations to others continued as long as she could drive, replete with home baked goods in tow. In the 1950s, with husband Otto, Ardelle labored to nurture several foster care babies at home, many for months at a time. Most everyone in Hopkins got to know Ardelle and enjoy her smile and warmth as she worked as the courtesy counter greeter at the Hovanders grocery store

for many years starting in the late 50s. Educated at Hopkins High and Gustavus Adolfus College, she developed a love of music through involvement in school bands, and, in spite of her petit frame, even carried the scotch drums down Main Street Hopkins for the Raspberry Festival Parade. Her love of music continued as Ardelle shared the enjoyment of ballroom dancing with both Otto and Frank. Survived by husband Frank, children John and Laurel Wenzel, grandsons Mark and Timothy Wenzel, four great granddaughters, niece Linda Paasonen, and stepdaughter Deborah Linc, Ardelle expressed wishes for cremation and a celebration of her thoroughly fulfilled life of giving and caring. Zion Lutheran Church will host the service commencing at 11am on Saturday April 11th. Zion is at 241 5th Ave N., Hopkins. A reception will follow at the church. The family requests donations "in memory of Ardelle Wenzel Linc" to Opportunity Partners 5500 Opportunity Court Minnetonka, MN 55343, www.opportunities.org As Ardelle always so lovingly stated, "Have a happy day!"