



Betty Smith Parsons

July 19, 2009

Parsons, Betty Frank Smith Age 95, passed away 7/14/2009. Born 2/17/1914 to J. Harold and Mildred Baldwin Frank in Jackson MI. Predeceased by her parents, her son Peter Phelps Smith, first husband Eugene Phelps Smith and second husband John Lionel Parsons. Survived by her son W. Robb Smith and his wife Patricia of Canyon Lake CA, daughter in law Roseann Smith of St. Paul, grandchildren J. Scott Smith and his wife Kathy and great grandchildren Jameson Jack Smith, William Robb Smith, Madilyn Jessica Smith of Lake Stevens WA, and Sandra R. Smith, and great grandchild Sarah Ann Potter Smith of Canyon Lake CA. Mrs. Parsons was graduated from Jackson High School - Attended Gulf Park College in Gulf Port Mississippi and University of Michigan where she affiliated with Kappa Kappa Gamma. In Jackson she was treasurer of the Junior League and chaired the beginning of a citywide volunteer bureau during the Depression. In 1949 she moved to Vancouver B. C. and in 1955 to Minneapolis where she joined Dayton's as buyer in Home Accessories Dept. until retirement in 1978. Then followed a volunteer career in grass root politics until 1987 when she bought a house in Arizona, but continued to return to Edina for the summer. She moved to Tempe AZ full time in 2000. Funeral Services will be 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 22, 2009 at the Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, 5000 W. 50th St., in Edina with visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial at Oakland Cemetery in St. Paul next to son Peter.