



Beverly J. Thomas

April 4, 2014

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age 87 of Edina, died April 4, 2014 of Alzheimer's related illness. Preceded in death by parents Felix and Doris Poeschl and husband Keith L. Thomas. Survived by cousin, Patricia McManus of Albuquerque, NM; sever in-laws; and many friends. She graduated from Selby, SD High School, St. Cloud State University, and earned a Master of Education from Macalester College. After teaching a brief time in Hill City, she married Keith Thomas in 1950. They moved to Blooming Prairie, where she taught high school English. Jobs for both of them at General Mills brought them to Minneapolis in 1952. Beverly worked in the Home Service Department as the Betty Crocker correspondent. She began teaching English at Richfield Junior High School in 1954, and stayed until her retirement in 1986. A lively person with a quirky sense of humor, Beverly was well-liked by faculty and students. In her last years, even as Alzheimer's took her memory, she often surprised her caregivers and visitors with quips that were remarkably apt.

Her friends will honor Beverly's life at a service at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, Hwy 100 and W 50th Street, on Wednesday, April 9, at 11:00 AM with visitation beginning at 10:00 AM.

Memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association, 7900 West 78th

Street, Suite 100, Minneapolis, MN 55439; or donor's choice.

Thank you to the staff at English Rose Suites for caring so much for Beverly. Beverly had a way of creating families around her; her last, English Rose Suites, was one of her finest.

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“ Dearest Beverly,

From the fun times in our childhood at our Grandma's house in Wabasha, on Main Street to your storybook teen years in Selby, we have been the best of cousins. In our adulthood we shared many sad times involving our families, along with some very happy times also. You have always been a model to me and I will always think of you as "elegance wrapped in fun."

Your loving cousin,

Patti Poeschl McManus

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“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Beverly J. Thomas.



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“ I just added two pictures of Auntie Beverly, one with me when I was very little and one that reflects how I remember her. She was a lovely, wonderful aunt and a charming person to be around, full of joy, laughter and wit. The times when we would see her in MN or she would come out to CA were very special. My parents and I loved her and loved those days. It's beautiful to know, and not surprising, that she was blessed with so many friends who surrounded her all her life. We were all fortunate to know and love her. (Bonnie Ruikka Mitrosilis)

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