



Caroline Brooks Winston

March 29, 2009

Winston, Caroline Langdon Brooks Minneapolis, MN. August 4, 1916 to March 26, 2009. Caroline passed away at home, surrounded by family and will be missed by all who knew her. A lifelong resident of Minneapolis, she graduated from Northrop Collegiate School, Skidmore College and the U of M. She taught school in Wausau, WI and at North High School. Family was of the utmost importance to Caroline. She was an avid geneologist serving a term as president of the Colonial Dames of Minnesota and an important resource for South Dakota historians regarding her ancestry (General Samuel Sturgis, first commander at Fort Meade, Sturgis, SD and 2nd Lieutenant Jack Sturgis, killed at the Battle of Little Bighorn). A passion for art, theatre and music was evident through her volunteer work: served as a docent at the MIA for decades, was a member of the first trained docent class, and served as president of the Friends Gallery at the MIA. Caroline prided herself on having attended concerts by every conductor (save one) of the Minnesota Orchestra. She was an accomplished tennis player, swimmer and golfer, scoring the first hole-in-one at the Madeline Island Golf Course. She enjoyed entertaining family and friends for 36 years at her cabin on Sunset Bay, where she purchased her first sailboat at age 60 and swam the chilly water of Lake Superior through her 92nd birthday. Preceded in death by husband, John S. Winston; brothers, Robert, Glenn and William Brooks; father, Robert L. Brooks; and mother, Katharine (Lawler). Survived by children, John (Catherine), Katharine, Nina, and Robert Winston; eleven grandchildren; six

great-grandchildren; and brother, John Brooks (Prudy). In lieu of flowers, donations to the Madeline Island Library, Courage Center or the MIA preferred. Services will be held Monday 2 PM at Lakewood Chapel, 36th & Hennepin Ave. S. Private interment. Friends may call one-half hour before service. Washburn-McReavy Davies Chapel 612-377-2203