



Coralis Hannah Sowles

May 7, 1925 - April 1, 2019

CORALIS HANNAH (WAYLANDER) SOWLES born May 7, 1925, in Grove City, Minnesota, the daughter of Edward and Esther (Cronstrom) Waylander. The family moved to South Minneapolis when Coralis was six. Coralis suffered Rheumatic Heart Disease as a child. She often spoke about her years attending Michael Dowling School where she received special treatments and rest due to her condition. She went on to attend Nokomis Junior High and graduate from Roosevelt High School. She graduated from Miss Wood's Training School for Teachers of Young Children and taught Kindergarten for one year. Coralis was a lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Minnehaha Falls where she met Laurence Sowles. They were married on July 28, 1945 while Larry was on leave from serving as a Marine Corps Fighter Pilot in the Pacific Theater during WWII. They were married for 63 years. Coralis was a supportive wife and mother, raising four children, Carolyn, Cynthia, Charlene and Daniel. She was a faithful volunteer in many capacities even helping start "New Beginnings" a store meant to encourage and provide support to young mothers. South Minneapolis was home. They lived on 12th Avenue, 38th Avenue and then at Nokomis Square where they moved in 1987. They also enjoyed time and making memories with family and friends at their cabin on Green Lake near Spicer, MN and their retirement home built on Lake Superior in Knife River, MN. Coralis had many good friends throughout her life and often shared stories about her "club", church birthday group, and countless others. She was creative and artistic. She sewed for her

grandchildren, braided rugs, and hooked wall hangings and table runners. She baked wonderful cookies. In her last years, faith and family were most important to her, especially her 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren (soon to be 21). Every family member has been blessed by her love and generosity and took comfort knowing they were prayed for by name daily. Coralis died April 1, 2019. She spent her last 11 days in Hospice being lovingly cared for by her family, and staff at Walker Methodist 7 Gamble, and Fairview Home Care and Hospice. She was sharp and talkative, sharing her testimony and providing direction even in her final days. Thank you to each one of you who cared for and encouraged her during this time. Coralis was preceded in death by her husband Larry, her parents and brother Charles, infant granddaughter Anna, in-laws Paul Larson, Donna and Winston Lowrie and niece Patty. She is survived by children, Carolyn (James) Struve, Cynthia (Steven) Betzler, Charlene (Jack) Romsaas, Daniel (Julie); grandchildren, Emily (Chris), Laura, Naomi (Peder), Linnea (Brian), Colin (Emily), Bjorn (Ingrid), Rachel (Nathan), Erik (Kiki), Sara, Kaaren (John), Esther (Ryan), Elsa and Greta (Jared); 19 great-grandchildren; in-laws, Betty Larson, Jim and Lois Sowles; nieces, nephews and friends. In lieu of flowers memorials preferred to Trinity Lutheran Church of Minnehaha Falls, Camp Patmos, WMPL or donor's choice. Interment Friday, April 5th 10:05 AM, @ Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Assembly Area #1. Memorial service Friday, April 5th @ 11:30 AM with visitation 1/2 hour prior to service at Trinity Lutheran Church of Minnehaha Falls, 5212 41st Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN.

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church of Minnehaha Falls
5212 41st Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55406

Church Service

APR 5. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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