



Mrs. Cornelia Petronella Aponas

May 25, 1933 - August 14, 2019

Aponas (van Doornik), Cornelia "Nellie" at the age of 86, passed peacefully in her sleep on August 14th. Preceded in death by her parents Andries and Antonetta van Doornik; husband Martin Aponas; sisters Wilhelmina van Doornik, Ann van Buiten and Andrea Kort. She is survived by her children Diane (Jerry) Frankman, Mike (Kellie) Aponas, Nancy (Art) van Erp and Patty (Kevin) Lietzau; sister Sonja Jobes; grandchildren Donovan, Jennifer, Kelsey, Taylor, Tanis, Lance and Paige; great grandchildren Derek, Logan, Madison, Savannah, Isabella, Emerson, Lexi, Cameron. She also leaves behind beloved nieces & nephews. She resided in Bloomington, MN with husband Marty for 50 years and lived the last 4 years at Savage Senior Living in Savage, MN. She was born in Den Helder, Netherlands and grew up in the Netherlands until she met her husband Marty shortly after the end of World War II. They married and moved to the U.S. where she learned English and was an avid and expert seamstress, knitter and loved gardening. She was very fond of her Dutch foods of Gouda Cheese, Herring, Eel and especially chocolate and licorice! She was fluent in Dutch, German and English. She loved her opera records along with Elvis and the Bee Gees!. Every grandchild or Great grandchild had their own special nickname from Grandma as she played a very important role of being a loving grandmother to all of them. The family expresses our deepest gratitude to the wonderful caregivers who took such loving care of Nellie at Savage Senior Living and Friendship Manor as well as the hospice nurses overseeing her final moments. A private

celebration of life will be held by the family and she will be buried at Fort Snelling alongside her husband Marty. Washburn-McReavy.com Strobeck Johnson 952-938-9020