



Delores M. Marquette

January 30, 1927 - May 8, 2024

Our dear mom and GG, Delores M. Marquette passed away peacefully surrounded by family on May 8, 2024 in Blaine. Preceded in death by her husband Darrell Marquette and four siblings, Loretta Koep, Olivia Gahlon, Walter Koep and Raymond Koep. Survived by children Gloria (Mike) Chaney, Marv (Allene) Marquette, Rod (Connie) Marquette, Imogene Marquette (Floyd Joswick), eleven grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Delores Magdelene Koep was born on January 30, 1927 to Mathias and Mathilda Koep of Urbank, MN. She attended school through the eighth grade. At the age of 15 she moved to Alexandria to work at a local boarding house, cooking, cleaning and baking. In 1944, she moved to St. Paul and worked as a waitress at the Union Depot in Downtown St Paul. In 1946, she met Darrell while taking the bus back to the Twin Cities after a weekend with family. They married on July 6, 1948 and shortly thereafter moved to the Twin Cities where they settled first in Fridley and then, in Columbia Heights. She was a full-time homemaker while her kids were growing up and then went to work for Sears, retiring after 24 years. She and Darrell enjoyed 61 years of marriage, raising their family, traveling together and being a part of multiple faith communities including Columbia Heights Assemblies of God and Emmanuel Christian Center. In her later years, she moved from her home in Columbia Heights to the retirement community at Blaine Courts where she was a frequent

participant in weekly Bible studies, card games and other events for the residents.

Delores will be lovingly remembered for devotion to her family, her prayer life and her faith in Jesus. She considered everyone else's needs more important than her own, always seeing the good in others. She had a quiet strength and was known for bringing people together, showing up and helping out. She appreciated garden produce, freshly caught fish, and venison which likely reminded her of her early years growing up on the farm. She often could be found in the kitchen canning, pickling or doing the dishes. She was an avid card player and time together almost often included a game of Pounce, Hand & Foot or Kings in the Corner. Her baking skills, especially her apple pie, were extraordinary. She was so loved by her family and will be missed for her kindness and consistent presence.

A Celebration of Life is planned for Tuesday May 21st, at 11AM, Waite Park Church, 1510 33rd Ave NE, Minneapolis. All are welcome to join her family for a luncheon after the service to share stories and to celebrate Delores' life. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Delores' granddaughter who is a missionary with All Nations Family, <https://allnations.kindful.com/>, campaign: B, J & V - 305

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 13. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Hillside Cemetery (Minneapolis)
2600 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418