



Delphie Fredlund

July 10, 2003

Fredlund Delphie Julia Fredlund, age 89, of Anoka died on July 7, 2003. She was a Professor Emeritus at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health. She was preceded in death by husband, Dr. Melvin Fredlund; parents, Carl & Alli Bernitt; grandson, Christopher Jon Fredlund; and brother, William Bernitt. Born in Duluth, MN, March 17, 1914. Graduated from Denfield H.S. in Duluth, 1931 and from Ancker Hospital School of Nursing, St. Paul, MN, 1936. Married Dr. Melvin Fredlund in June 1938. After her husband's death in 1950 she returned to school and graduated from the University of Minnesota School of Nursing in 1953 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing and Public Health. She was supervisor of Maternity at Swedish Hospital in Mpls and worked as a school and public health nurse before returning to the University of Minnesota School of Public Health. She graduated in 1959 with a Master of Science degree in Public Health. She joined the faculty at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health in 1959. In 1968 she received a second masters degree from Boston University School of Nursing with a specialty in Maternal and Child Health. Professor Fredlund was a pioneer in the study of death education in the United States and was a nationally recognized expert on the topic of "Children and Death." She retired from the University of Minnesota as a Full Professor in 1979. She is survived by sons, Dr. Jon Fredlund and his wife Elizabeth, Anoka, MN; Dr. Paul Fredlund and his wife Penny, Seattle, WA; and by daughter Susan and her husband Dr. David Wegge, De Pere, WI. Also by grandsons Brian Fredlund, Jon P. Fredlund,

Jonathan Wegge, and by granddaughters Diane Fredlund, Katie Fredlund and Kristine Liedtke (Daniel). Also survived by five great grandsons, Casey, Corey, Trystan, Joshua and Tyler; one sister, Jeanne Olson; one sister-in-law, Ethel Bernitt; and several nieces, nephews and many dear friends. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Anoka. Special thanks to the staffs of the Anoka Care Center, Hospice of the Lakes and Health Partners for all of their wonderful care. Memorials may be made to Zion Lutheran Church in Anoka, the Anoka County Humane Society and Anoka County Brotherhood Council (ACBC) Food Shelf. Visitation will be held at Washburn- McReavy Funeral Chapel, 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd from 5-8 p.m. Thursday July 10th with a prayer service at 7 p.m. The Funeral will be held at 11 a.m. July 11th at Zion Lutheran Church at 4th and Adams in Anoka.