



Doris Evelyn Drake

April 9, 1922 - February 7, 2020

Drake, Doris Evelyn (nee Lee), Minneapolis.

Age 97, born in St. Paul, Minnesota, April 9, 1922.

Devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Preceded in death by her parents Raymond and Mary Lee of St. Paul, MN and sister Edna (Dock), St. Paul, sister Arlene (Vian) Pine River.

Survived by loving husband Joseph Drake, four children - Bruce (Elizabeth Garren) Drake (Mpls), Lynn (Bill Ascani) Drake (Mesa, AZ) , Laura Drake (Seattle, WA), Diana Drake (Mpls).

Survived by grandchildren: Sara (Rod Simonson) Drake, Genevieve (Christian Dunbar) Gorder, Lewis Gorder, Adrian Gorder, Gemma Clarke, and Great Grandchildren: Calvin Green, Charlotte Green, Zachary Simonson, Bebelles Harcott.

Doris was an avid genealogist and family historian. To that end, she was a member of the Minnesota Historical Society and supporter of the Cokato and Dassel, MN, historical societies as well as the Louisville, KY Historical Society. A former member of the Minnesota Valley Country Club, Doris also served on

the Board of the Nancy Hauser Dance Company, volunteered at the Guthrie Theater productions, and was an active member of the Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church. Doris donated generously to Planned Parenthood, Friends of the Boundary Waters, and political campaigns. A life-long friend to many, Doris also was a member of several book and discussion groups.

Throughout her life, Doris actively supported and encouraged her children's and grandchildren's academic and artistic pursuits as well as world travel.

As a young girl, she enjoyed being a Campfire Girl, spending her summer days at Camp Ojiketa in Chisago City, MN. Doris had many childhood friends in her Roselawn Avenue neighborhood. Doris graduated from Johnson High School and continued her education learning bookkeeping and business best practice.

Doris met Joseph Drake in St. Paul in 1943.

After marrying Joseph during World War II in Houston ,TX, they lived in St. Paul, MN, Pittsburgh, PA, Grand Rapids, MN, Duluth, MN, Milwaukee, WI, Burnsville, MN, and Minneapolis, MN.

Doris and Joe stayed married for 75+ years!

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to MN Historical Society.

Funeral service will be held at 11AM on Friday, February 14th with visitation one hour prior, all at:

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436
(952) 920-3996
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Chapel Service

FEB 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“*Bruce, Lynne, Laura, and Diane and all the Drake Family, My memories of Aunt Doris and your family are very long. Coming to the midwest at a very young age brought our families together, I know your dad, Our Uncle Joe had allot to do with that and it was a great experience as a young girl from Philidephia. Your mom was always a very classy and elegant woman who kept a beautiful warm inviting home and over the years connected very strong with my mother Dottie. We will miss her dearly especially her long letters and pictures during the holidays. In my eyes she was very intelligent lady with allot of talent that ultimately shined on all of her children and grandchildren. She was successful as a mother, wife, grandmother, great grandmother, and just a wonderful Humanitatian. We are all so proud to have been part of her life. God bless you all for this hard time, keep faith and our family is praying for all of you espically Uncle Joe. Beverly Andrus and Family and Dottie.*

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