



Doris Smith

May 21, 2012

Smith, Doris M. Age 90, of Minnetonka, passed away May 19, 2012. She was born in Mobridge, SD, was educated at Northern State College in Aberdeen, SD and had a lengthy career as assistant to the publisher of a Ridder newspaper. In 1942, Doris took a leave from the newspaper to travel to San Francisco with her sister to assist in the war effort. She joined the USO near Mare Island, California and donated more than 1000 hours of service. She also worked as assistant to the superintendent of schools for the Vallejo School district. She returned to Aberdeen, SD after the war. Doris was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, John Francis Smith. Doris is survived by 3 sisters, 1 brother, 4 children, Pamela (Jeff Wisted), Maurice (Annie Schulstad), Alicia (Daniel Egesdal) and Mark (Diane) Smith, 16 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Doris enjoyed gardening, reading, needlepointing, bird watching and visits to the U of MN Landscape Arboretum, where she and her husband were members for 48 years. Doris volunteered in several organizations including St. Therese Catholic Church in Deephaven, MN. Doris lived at Beacon Hill Senior Cooperative in Minnetonka the last 3 years of her life where she made good friends and participated in many activities. Doris will be greatly missed but she was looking forward to rejoining her husband John. Visitation is Tuesday, May 22, 2012 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapel, Eden Prairie. Mass of Christian Burial is Wednesday, May 23, 2012, 10:30 a.m. with visitation one hour prior at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 13505 Excelsior

Blvd., Minnetonka, MN 55345. Memorials preferred to the U of MN Landscape Arboretum. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Eden Prairie Chapel 952-975-0400
7625 Mitchell Road (1 blk N. of Hwy 5)

Tribute Wall



“ Pam, Muary, Alicia and Mark. Our deepest sympathies to all of you in this time of sadness. Know that while we cannot be there with you that you are in our prayers. Jeff, Kathy, Kaity, Dan, Madison and ALec (Sierra Madre CA)

May 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Hi Pam: I remember your Mom from church at St. Therese when we were in junior high. She was always so kind and looked so nice. In fact my Mom used to talk about how much she liked your Mom's hair style. (I don't know why I remember that.?) Anyway your Mom was a great person who raised a beautiful family and helped so many people in her lifetime. May God comfort you and bless you during these sad days. With love, Carol

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Carol Goodman,

Chanhassen, Minnesota

Carol Goodman - May 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ I have very fond memories of hanging out with Mo at Doris and J.F.'s (what we called them back then as junior high adolescents) just about every day after school in 8th and 9th grade. We'd be playing records or shooting BB guns, or just getting our skates and sticks to go out and play hockey. Doris would be upstairs sewing or preparing dinner. Mo would announce (yell) up the stairs that "me and Richard are leaving" and Doris would often reply with a task that Mo must do first. Mo would then protest and Doris would respond with "you just wait till Johnnie gets home". But after the initial protest Mo would always do his chore and we'd be out the door within a few minutes. In reading the obituary, I was aware of Aberdeen and the newspaper but not of Doris joining the USO or travelling to San Francisco to join in the war effort. But it doesn't surprise me a bit. She will be missed but not forgotten.

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Ric Way,

Portland, Oregon

Contact Me

Ric Way - May 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Although the Sanford Health family in Fargo, ND may never have met Doris we have gotten to know her daughter Pam. We honor the woman who brought such a wonderful woman to this world. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family in this time of reflection and remembrance.*

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Mick Gibbs,

Fargo, North Dakota

Mick Gibbs - May 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Dear Alicia, Thank you so much for calling Dale about your Mom. It was so good to see you and Doris at the time of Sheila's death. Dale said she was living with you the last month, so I presume that she was in failing health. Please extend my sympathy to Bonnie, Jerry, Fran and Rosemary and all of your siblings and their families. The loss of our Mothers is always hard whenever it is. I have such fond memories of your Grandma when she visited at our home in Carroll and was so good to my mom in her last years. I probably saw Fran the most when we would visit Vron at the Nursing Home. Please know that all of you will be in my prayers and in the prayers of my Community. When you have time, please send me your address or Fran's. I would like to get a Spiritual Enrollment from a group of Pink Sisters in Lincoln for your Mom. I hope some of my family in Minnesota will be able to attend some of the services. I am just finishing up with tutoring students these two weeks in Wahoo where I teach. God Bless you for having your Mom in your home. I know that was a great support to her. I of my love and prayers, Sr. Loretta Happe

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Sr. Loretta Happe,

Wahoo, Nebraska

Contact Me

Sr. Loretta Happe - May 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. My sincerest condolences.*

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Jesica Lindquist,

Bemidji, Minnesota

Jesica Lindquist - May 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Mo, I'm sorry that Doris has left but, celebrate mom's life, she was an example. You and family are in my heart.

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Joe Bartee,

MTKA, Minnesota

Joe Bartee - May 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Mo and family. I am very sorry for your loss. Remember the good times, I understand there are many!!!*

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Susan Matson,

Arden Hills, Minnesota

Susan Matson - May 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *My sincerest sympathy to all of you. Doris was a wonderful woman and a bright, shining light in the world. I know she will be missed by many but happily welcomed by John. My thoughts and prayers.* Sherry Bias

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Sherry Bias,

Maple Grove, Minnesota

Sherry Bias - May 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM