



Dorothy Marie (Floistad) Benson

June 8, 2014

Dorothy (Floistad) Benson passed away Sunday, June 8 after a series of illnesses. She will be greatly missed by her son, Karl and his wife Sue, her son Kenneth, her brother, The Rev. Eugene Floistad of Staples, MN, and his wife Iris, her former husband, John, and her many friends at the Becketwood residence in Minneapolis. Her dear cousin, Richard Larson of Muskogee, OK, and her cousins, Eleanor Eckhart and Lila Johnson of Waupaca, WI, and many friends at the Becketwood residence in Mpls will also miss her.

Dorothy had a rich career in teaching before her retirement. She taught English, Spanish, drama, and Special Education in Minneapolis, Mound, Anoka, Apple Valley, St. Elmo, and Winona, MN. She earned her B.A. at Augsburg College, and two Masters Degrees, one at the Columbia University Teachers College in New York City, and another at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota.

She has been a member of Lutheran churches in the many places she has lived in her life, most recently St. Peder's Lutheran in Minneapolis.

Dorothy was born in Nelsonville, WI, April 19, 1932, and attended grade and high schools there and in Milwaukee, WI. After high school at West Division High School in Milwaukee, she attended the Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis from 1950 to 52 and Augsburg from 1952 to 1956. She sang second alto in the Augsburg College choir all her years at Augsburg and in an Augsburg Alumni Choir that traveled with LeLand Sateren to Norway in 1988. One close relative said of Dorothy, "She's got to be one of the most loving,

kind and honest persons I have ever known.” Her mother Ella used to say of her that Dorothy was “her sunshine girl.” These qualities especially fitted her for work with handicapped Special Education students. She managed to win their confidence and both support and motivate them in ways not often seen in that profession.

Dorothy suffered much in her life, but somehow still found the positive to enrich us all. We will never forget Dorothy.

Funeral service 11:00 AM, Friday, June 13, with visitation one hour prior to service at St. Peder's Lutheran Church, 4600 East 42nd Street, Mpls. Private interment. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Hillside Chapel (612) 781-1999