



## Dorothy Evelyn Kaylor

May 7, 1924 - February 7, 2022

Kaylor, Dorothy Evelyn (Olson) of Coon Rapids, passed away at the age of 97 on February 7, 2022. She was preceded in death by parents Fred and Mamie Olson, former husband Charles M. (Bud) Kaylor, cherished son Mark A. Kaylor, brother Roy W. Olson (Julie) of San Diego, sister Eleanor E. Johnson (Don) of Colorado Springs, nephew Richard Lux, and her most beloved identical twin sister Doris L. Lux of Shoreview. She was loved & will be greatly missed by daughter Terry (Steve) Jankowski of Coon Rapids, daughter-in-law Linda Miles, grandson Matt (Alison) Kaylor, granddaughters Meghan Worre of Phoenix and Amy (Andrea) Miles; great grandsons Javon Willis, Calvin & Eddie Worre; her nephews "The Lux Boys": Jim (Kristi Berglund), Dave (Jackie & Jack), and Tom; niece Rosemary (Bob) Sprengle of Colorado Springs. Steve's girls gave her extra great-grandchildren: Claire, Jack, and Henrik. She was anxiously awaiting Baby Ingrid, but unfortunately never got to meet her. Dorothy was born at home in South Minneapolis, being a great surprise to her mother, appearing just 3 minutes after her twin. She spent most of her life in the same neighborhood. With her sisters and their friends, she explored along the River, at the Falls, and went speed skating at Horseshoe Bend on the Creek. She and Bud were married in 1944 in Memphis where he was stationed while in the Naval Air Corps. She worked at the Memphis Army Services Depot, writing, and editing the base newsletter, and supervising the German POWs in her office. In 1950 Bud was sent to Korea with the USMCR. Within just a few weeks Dorothy thought she was a

widow, having been informed that Bud was "missing in action and presumed dead". Many months later he escaped the Chinese prison camp, a full 800 miles away from the Chosin Reservoir into Manchuria. Unfortunately, this experience left him a changed man and they were divorced in 1960. Dorothy raised her children as a single mother while working at the Social Security Administration, retiring after 30 yrs. She never liked the nickname Dot, but in 1980 when she became "Grandma Dot" that was her name with everyone. It was the children in her life that gave her the most joy. When she could no longer play with them, or cook for them, she most loved cuddling the babies or watching the melee around her that only little ones can create. Except for her last six days, she has been living with Terry & Steve for the past 12 years, where she had been quickly taken under the wings of the Poppy St. neighbors. The family has unending gratitude for the help from friends Wanda Kasper and Pamela Schilling. Many thanks go to the Allina Hospice Coon Rapids team and the staff at Lyngblomsten Care Center for how sweet everyone was to her. A Memorial Service and Celebration of Life will be held at 11am on Sunday, May 1st at the Coon Rapids Civic Center, 11155 Robinson Dr. NW, Coon Rapids. Memorials preferred to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or the World Central Kitchen. Interment Lakewood Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

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MAY 1. 11:00 AM.

Coon Rapids Civic Center