



## Dorothy Glasener Merrill

December 23, 2014

Merrill, Dorothy Glasener Dorothy was born on October 25, 1919 in La Porte City, Iowa and died from dementia at the age of 95 on December 23, 2014 at Jones-Harrison in Minneapolis. She is preceded in death by her spouse of 66 years, William, her parents, two sisters and two brothers. Surviving her is sister Betty Hoppe in Arkansas, her three children - Jim in Des Moines, Tom (Kim) in New York City, and Barbara (Patti Hague) in Minneapolis, and five grandchildren-Jessica in California, Elizabeth in Virginia, Margaret (Jeff Alleva) in New York City and Rebecca and Elizabeth in Minneapolis. Dorothy's parents were farmers in Black Hawk County, Iowa. After attending Cornell College in Iowa, Dorothy graduated in Home Economics from Iowa State University in Ames in 1944, with emphasis in child development and nutrition. She taught at a one-room schoolhouse prior to her marriage to William. After her three children grew up, Dorothy taught home economics for thirteen years to physically disabled boys and girls. After living in Des Moines for over 40 years, Dorothy and William moved to The Village, a retirement community in Indianola Iowa. She moved to Minneapolis after William died to be close to her daughter & family. When William experienced serious health problems in 1968, Dorothy developed a portfolio of salt-free recipes, which she perfected over a number of years. This eventually formed an entire cookbook. Her care and cooking helped William's kidneys gradually regenerate and he was able to live a long and satisfying life. Dorothy and William were truly devoted to one another, each helping and caring for the other and their family. There are not

many partnerships that last for so long with such devotion and love between them. Dorothy was an active member of the Immanuel Methodist Church in Des Moines, serving as President of the Women's Society, teaching Sunday school, and leading the children's choir. Dorothy was also a 50-year member of PEO in Des Moines and held several leadership positions with the chapter. Dorothy was a caring, loving, and spiritual woman. She was devoted to her family and granddaughters. She enjoyed cooking, reading, gardening, traveling and church/community volunteering. Dorothy loved playing the piano and would have children sing along with her. Dorothy was at her best when children, whether her own or neighborhood children, helped her bake cookies and the smell of homemade, freshly baked cookies often wafted through her home. At various times throughout her adult life, she spent considerable time being a thoughtful and compassionate caregiver for several of her relatives. Even as her dementia intensified, she rarely complained and was concerned about those around her and sincerely thanking the staff for the help they gave her. A Minneapolis memorial service for Dorothy will be held at 2:30 PM on Saturday, January 3, 2015 at Jones Harrison - 3700 Cedar Lake Avenue in Minneapolis. [www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com) Edina Chapel 952-920-3996