



Edna Sanders

October 7, 2007

Sanders, Edna D. age 93, of Minneapolis, died September 29, 2007, five weeks after having had a significant heart attack. Born Mary Edna Danford on August 2, 1914, she was born and grew up in Ashland, Oregon. She obtained her undergraduate degree from Willamette University, Salem, Oregon. She taught school in Oregon, before moving to Minneapolis in 1948. She taught school at Roosevelt High School (1958-68) and North High School (1968-78). She earned two masters degrees from the University of Minnesota: one in English and the other in Comparative Literature. She was an educator, an avid reader and independent thinker her entire life. In retirement Edna continued and expanded her activism in many causes and organizations, including DFL activities, women's rights, and, at the time of her heart attack, was on the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee to the Mayor, representing the 7th Ward. She received many awards for her community service and in 2000 was named to the DFL Women's Hall of Fame. Preceded in death by her infant sister, her parents, and her husband, Fred Sanders. Survived by daughter, Kay Sanders-Chick (D.L. Chick); sons, Jay Sanders (Sharon), and Jim Sanders; grandchildren, Stacie Sanders-Borst (Jeff Borst), Jakob Sanders (Kimberly), Serene Smith (Chet), Jenna Sanders, Alaina Sanders, and Blake Sanders; step grandchildren, Roy Chick (Florence), Jeannie Kapler (Albert), Donna Chick-Bowers (Scott Bowers), and Karen Anderson (Bob); six great-grandchildren; six step great-grandchildren; sisters, Betty Weiman and Doris Lansbery. Memorial Reception will be held at First Unitarian Society, 900

Mount Curve Avenue, Minneapolis, on Saturday, October 27 at 11 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to a charity the donor is passionate about.

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