



Elaine (Piffner) Pearson

September 12, 2007

Pearson, Elaine F. (Piffner) 5/23/20-9/11/07 Age 87, of Shafer, MN, formerly of Minnetonka and St. Louis Park. Left us before sunrise on 9/11/07. Born 5/23/20 in Mpls to Amanda and Harvey Piffner. Preceding her in death are parents; dear sister, Shirley Longpre (who died just recently) and husband for over fifty years, Burton (in 2000). Elaine leaves behind her two sons, Jay (partner Ron Joki), Scott (wife Jan); grandchildren, Alec Pearson and Liz and Casey Sandberg. Elaine began her work career in Dayton's flower department (years ago before Bachman's), then married, took on the full-time job of Mother, homemaker and Cub Scout Den Mother! (A darn good one too!). A wonderful, loving Mother who was always there for her family. She was also employed for many years at American Hardware Mutual as a casualty underwriter. Elaine continued her participation in Super Valu's Retirement group - GAFIA and had many friends in that group. Elaine grew up close to Lake Calhoun in Mpls., graduated from West. H.S. (Husband Burt often told us that West had machine guns in the basement - Burt went to Mpls., Central H.S. and apparently there was quite a rivalry between Central and West). Elaine also attended the U of M. Elaine enjoyed being a member of the Calhoun School (the elementary school that was located where Calhoun Square stands today) Mother Singers. Burton and Jay joined Elaine in performing in some of the Mother Singer performances (You should see the pictures!). Elaine and Burt were longtime members of the 10,000 Lakes Family Boating Club -- boating on a much less crowded Lake Minnetonka, as

well as the Mississippi and the Minnesota Rivers, even taking the boat to Florida to boat in the Everglades! Many family vacations were enjoyed -- to Esslinger's Resort on Lake Kabetogama; numerous trips to Florida, and many, many dining out and cultural entertainment events, Elaine and Burt traveled the world extensively. They both loved to see the world and enjoyed meeting its people. Travels to Europe; even to Russia (at the time) and Poland. The Far East (to Phuket in-Thailand before the ravaging tsunami). Elaine traveled to Alaska just last year on a two-week land/cruise Princess vacation with Jay & Ron. (A wonderful trip Mom enjoyed so much. So glad we went), and to Florida this past spring with Scott & Jan to visit her only sister Shirley and husband Danny Longpre. Elaine (and Burton) were long-time members of The Lutheran Church of the Reformation in SLP and a current member of St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church in Plymouth. Elaine was a member of the Naomi Circle there. We enjoyed doing things and having fun with Elaine (our Mom!) and will sorely miss her. Private interment Ft. Snelling Cemetery. A memorial service will be held Friday, 3:30 PM, with visitation one hour prior at: Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100