



Elsie A (Lale) Syverson

December 31, 2017

Syverson, Elsie A. (Lale) passed away on December 31, 2017 at her home at The Glenn in Minnetonka, Minnesota. Elsie was born on June 8, 1921, and raised on the family ranch northeast of the Black Hills in South Dakota along with her nine siblings. As a young woman, she taught in a one-room school near her home, and then attended Black Hills Teachers College in Spearfish, South Dakota. Elsie met Wilton "Bill" Syverson in 1941 at a dance in Spearfish during his basic training at nearby Fort Mead. Bill then attended flight school, and became a B-17 pilot in the Air Force. Two years later, Bill and Elsie were engaged. While Bill was overseas, he flew 53 missions; Elsie supported the war effort in Anaheim, California, working for Western Pipe and Steel. Elsie returned to St. Paul, Minnesota to welcome Bill home after the war. The couple married in 1944 and settled in south Minneapolis where Elsie worked for Honeywell and Bill attended Dunwoody Technical Institute and became a Journeyman Sheet Metal Craftsman. At Honeywell, Elsie was a founding member and the second president of the Honeybelles, a women's social charitable organization that lasted more than 50 years. Elsie left Honeywell in 1958 after their son Tim was born, and the family moved to Minnetonka in the 1960s. Elsie then worked part time at the Char Lynn Company (now the Eaton Corporation). After her retirement in 1986, Elsie kept busy with family, golf, bowling, and dancing with Bill. She also continued to expand her circle of friends through her jewelry business. In February 2013, Elsie and Bill moved to The Glenn, a senior living community in Minnetonka. Following Bill's

passing in December 2013, Elsie continued bowling twice a week until September 2017. She was a wonderful mother and a dedicated wife and friend, who was known for her strong spirit and endless energy. Elsie is survived by her son Tim Syverson of Seattle, Washington. Elsie and Bill were loving, generous, and supportive parents who showed Tim the importance of family, community, and gratitude, and provided him with the opportunities to find his path forward. Elsie and Bill will be missed everyday. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11AM, Saturday, January 6, 2018 with visitation 1-hour before Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 13505 Excelsior Blvd., Minnetonka. Private interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Elsie's name to Second Harvest Heartland are preferred. Washburn-McReavy.com Strobeck Johnson 952-938-9020