



Enid Marcella Strand

December 18, 1927 - May 18, 2023

Strand, Marcella E. age 95, passed away peacefully after a brief illness at Our Lady of Peace Hospice in St. Paul, MN on May 18, 2023. She was born in International Falls, MN on December 18, 1927. She lived in several states and attended nursing school in California where she earned her RN. She worked internationally as a nurse in the U.S. Navy for 16 yrs. then finished her career with 16 yrs. at the Mpls. VA Medical Center. Marcella was a proud Veteran, an avid and extensive world traveler, a lifelong learner, a writer, a gardener, a Christian, a fabulous neighbor, and a genuine friend to many. After the Navy, she took college writing classes and wrote for a local paper, but her passion was writing poetry. She was creative, witty, and loved being on the go. She enjoyed the arts, eating out, and most any bargain. She was proud of her Swedish heritage and loved a good lutefisk dinner. Her broad smile and contagious laugh lit up a room. She loved dogs and animals and cared about their welfare. Marcella was motivated and independent. Her tenacity inspired many and enabled her to stay in her own beloved home until age 93 with help from friends. She is survived by relatives in Tucson, AZ, and Silver Bay, MN. Her memorial service was held at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery on June 7, 2023. Memorials to Our Lady of Peace Hospice, a Veterans organization or animal rescue of choice