



Esther Viola (Vi) Sterner

December 11, 2014

Sterner, Esther Viola (Vi) Dolton 92, went home to be with her Savior on December 11, 2014, after a brief battle with cancer. She was born in Abilene, Kansas on March 22, 1922. Vi moved with her family to St. Louis Park in 1954, and worked at Montana Dakota Utilities head-quartered in Minneapolis, and later in Bismarck, North Dakota. Vi was preceded in death by her husband, LaVerne Dolton; sister, Karen Cheek; and son-in-law, Donald Ferrell. She is also preceded in death by her second husband, Amos Sterner of Navarre, Kansas. As a second time widow, Vi returned to Minnesota in 2001 and lived at the WestRidge retirement community in Minnetonka where she enjoyed many friendships. Vi was a devoted member of Cross of Glory Church. Vi was an expert seamstress and loved to play the piano. As a member of the Greatest Generation, she could milk a cow, bake a pie 'from scratch', execute a real estate transaction, teach a child to read, and handle many of life's toughest challenges. Vi is survived by her children, Kay (Tim) Olson, Fred (Betty) Dolton, Christina Schonbachler of Upland, Indiana, and Linda Ferrell; eight grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren also survive along with sisters, Jeanette Picking of Tulsa, OK, and Margaret Dinsmore of Seattle, WA, and many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Cross of Glory Church or Methodist Hospice. Many thanks to Methodist Hospice especially nurse Kathy, who supported the family's care of Vi as she journeyed to heaven. A Celebration of Life service will be held Tuesday, December 16 at 11 AM at Cross of Glory Church, 4600 Shady Oak

Road, Hopkins. Visitation at 10 AM preceding the service. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Strobeck Johnson 952-938-9020