



## Ethel Pauline Firkus

May 24, 1931 - April 10, 2011

Beloved Wife, Mother Grandmother, Sister, Aunt Promoted to Glory on April 10, 2011 at the age of 79. Preceded in death by her parents David and Lucy; sister, Lucy; and quite recently, her husband, George. Survived by her devoted children, Sharon (Scott) Rhodes, Cindi, Doug (Denise), Steve (Julie), Randy (Connie) and Ken (Allicia); 10 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild; numerous nieces and nephews. Ethel was a devoted Christian who worshipped and loved her Savior. She enjoyed her family and her life. Had a passion for music and traveling. In her free time, she enjoyed knitting, crocheting, needlepoint and cross-stitching. With a great sense of humor, she always enjoyed a good joke. In the mid-1960's, as a strong, practical woman, her family's well being in mind, she became one of the first female Ramsey County Deputy Sheriffs. Her work ethic and 20 years of service broke barriers and prejudices for future female police officers everywhere. Funeral Service 5PM Thursday, April 14 (visitation begins at 4PM) at the SALVATION ARMY LAKEWOOD TEMPLE, 2080 Woodlynn Ave, Maplewood. Private interment Fort Snelling. Memorials to the George and Ethel Firkus Salvation Army Youth Music Memorial Fund.