



Evelyn Strand

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Strand, Evelyn C. Retired Star and Tribune employee Evelyn C. Strand (Evie to her friends, family and associates) passed away in peace at age 91 on January 12, 2009 at North Memorial Residential Hospice after a progressive illness. She was born on September 20, 1917 in Minneapolis, MN. Her birth mother, Elizabeth Nelson, gave Evie in adoption to Carl & Sophia Carlson who lived in N.E., Minneapolis. Evie attended Pillsbury Grade School and graduated from Edison High School during the Depression and was a graduate of The Minneapolis School of Business. She took an initial job in the 1930's with the Minneapolis Star as a temporary worker in the magazine contest department progressing to a permanent position in the circulation department, where she worked during the WWII years. Evie was promoted to the Personnel Department, where she worked until 1973 when she retired after 36 years with the paper, by then The Minneapolis Star and Tribune. She was a longtime member of the P.E.O. where she twice served as President. Evie was preceded in death by her husband of 16 years, Glen B. Strand. Evie died exactly 30 years to the day after her husband, Glen. Evie is survived by her family of two daughters, Pat (Gilbert) Garza and Jan Sanders (Pete Johnson) of Battle Lake, MN; her son, Bruce (Pat) Strand of Golden, CO; 6 grandchildren; a growing family of great-grandchildren living in Boston, MA, Fergus Falls, MN, Fargo, ND, San Francisco and Oakland, CA, and her special nephew and niece, Bud and Betty Jorgensen of St. Paul, MN. Evie lived in Deltona, Florida following her retirement in 1973. Following her

husband's death in 1979, Evie moved back to Minneapolis where she lived in Columbia Heights until relocating to Chandler House Assisted Living Center in St. Anthony, MN in 2003. In October 2008, Evie moved to the North Memorial Residential Hospice on North Twin Lake in Brooklyn Center, MN. She and the family gratefully recognize the kind attentive care provided by all of the Hospice staff. When reflecting on her life in her final months, she constantly proclaimed her joy and thankfulness for all of the love and friendships shown her. She recently hosted a steady stream of visitors: friends, family and Salem Covenant Church members. Very few days passed without several phone calls or visitors from all of those who loved her. When reminded how much love, kindness and consideration she gave to us all, she humbly smiled and said little. Evie, in her final weeks and days, provided all with a superlative example of peacefulness, humility and grace in dealing with illness and the conclusion of one's life. She is remembered as a classy lady; a simple lady with complex, deep beliefs surrounding life, people and her Creator. Her family and friends and even casual acquaintances knew her as very honest, intelligent and caring. She rarely expressed anger nor said anything bad about anyone. This wonderful, simple lady lived her life setting an example of peacefulness, loving, strong spirituality and an inner strength which flowed freely to those who touched her. Evie's faith was very important to her. It was the center of her life and during the time she prepared for her last days. She was a devoted life-long member of Salem Covenant Church in Minneapolis where she married, sang in the choir, taught Sunday school and is memorialized by all as she now is with her Maker. A memorial service by Senior Pastor Mark Pattie will be held for Evie at the Salem Covenant Church, 2655 5th St. NW, New Brighton, MN 55112, Monday, January 19 at 11:00 am, with visitation one hour before the service and a reception to follow. The family plans a private interment later that afternoon. Memorials may be made to the Salem Covenant Church Building or Mission Funds. Washburn-McReavy Columbia Heights Chapel 763 789-4436