



Garnet W. (McClay) Downing

January 8, 2016

Downing (McClay), Garnet W. Age 98, long-time resident of St. Louis Park, died peacefully in her sleep on January 8, 2016 at the Episcopal Church Home in Saint Paul. Garnet was born on February 5, 1917 in Smith Lake, MN to parents Kathryn & Willian "Harry" McClay. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Percy A. Downing; brothers, Aubrey and Arnold McClay. Survived by son Gregg (Susan) Downing, grandchildren, Laura Kathryn and Joseph Andrew, and her brother, Andrew McClay of Delano. Garnet grew up in Montrose and graduated from high school there. She and her husband Percy A. Downing lived in Waconia, Red Wing, and Minneapolis before settling down in the early 50's on Virginia Circle in the newly formed western suburb of Saint Louis Park. Son Gregg remembers playing on lawns that still sprouted random stalks of corn. Garnet and her husband were founding members of Peace Presbyterian Church, and she remained an active member until her move to ECH in the summer of 2007. She worked many years for US Bank, formerly First National Bank. She enjoyed sewing and crafts, gardening, cooking and her women's bridge group. Memorial service Tuesday, January 12th at 11:00 AM at Peace Presbyterian Church, 7624 Cedar Lake Rd, St. Louis Park. Private family interment at Glen Haven Memorial Gardens. Memorials preferred to Peace Presbyterian Church. Washburn-McReavy.com Glen Haven Chapel 763-533-8643