



## Genevieve Ruth Chapman

March 10, 2017

Chapman, Genevieve Ruth age 95, of Bloomington, passed away Friday, March 10, 2017. A gifted student, active in the National Honor Society, Girls' Athletic Association, Girl Scouts, and library club, Genevieve graduated at the age of 16 from Central H. S. (St. Paul, MN). She graduated from Hamline/Asbury School of Nursing with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing, and became a Registered Nurse. She worked at Asbury Hospital in the O.R., and enlisted in the Army Nurse Corps as 2nd Lieutenant WWII). After training at Camp Carson, she was deployed with the 77th Field Hospital to Tavistock, England (115th Station Hospital), then to Neufchatel, France, before being sent to St. Valery-en-Caux, Camp Lucky Strike (89th Division), a RAMP Camp (Recovered Allied Military Personnel) treating the newly released allied prisoners of war, many suffering from malnutrition. After the German surrender, her unit was sent to Germany, first to Kassel and then Nuremberg (315th General Hospital). She attended The Nuremberg Trials when Goring and other Nazi criminals were on trial. Military Decorations and stations: EAME Theatre Ribbon, two Overseas Service Bars, and the Victory Medal. She was promoted to 1st Lieutenant and honorably discharged. The day she returned home, she met her future husband, Jack Chapman (Marine Night Fighter in the Pacific, WWII), a Ham radio friend of her brother, Merton. She worked at the Veterans Hospital, and later at 3M Company as an Industrial Nurse. While raising children, she maintained her R.N. license, worked part-time at St Joseph Hospital (St Paul), and, after receiving her

Public Health Nurse Certification, conducted Early Childhood Screenings, and worked as a Substitute School Nurse (Bloomington). During the Cuban Refugee Crisis, she served as a nurse at Ft McCoy, WI. For 30+ years she was a member of "Friday Friends," a group which regularly visits Presbyterian Homes. After Genevieve and Jack retired, they worked as volunteers at Pax Christi Catholic Church for 25 yrs. and at Bridging, an organization providing household goods to the needy, for 20+ yrs. Preceded in death by her husband, Jack, her parents, Albert and Ruth Christgau, brothers Merton and Doug, sister-in-law, Esther Christgau, and brothers-in-law, Richard Chapman and Bruce Rice, Genevieve is survived by her sister, Ilene Rice, her sister-in-law, Grace Chapman, 7 children, 16 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren: Jane Gilbert-Howard (husband: Ken Howard; children: Peder Gilbert (son: Thaden), Bryan Gilbert (wife Tracy; children: Emma, Clara, Gunnar, Ruby), Jon Gilbert (wife: Brooke; son: Aceson), Angela Fritz (husband Jimmy; children: James, Madeline), and Daniel Gilbert (wife: Linsey, children: Jazlyn, Cruz), Susan Bailey (children: Sean (wife: Sarah; son: Spence) and Brian (wife Mackenzie, daughter: Adelle), Daniel Chapman (wife: Louaynne; children: Alan (wife: Kelly; sons: Gabriel, Jacob), Eric (wife: Emily), and Mark (husband: Hermes), Ilene Warneke (husband: Gregory; children: Barbara, Melissa), David Chapman (wife: Toyzoyaha; his children: Russell, Kyra, and their mother, Melissa Chapman), Judith Jeon-Chapman (husband: Olympio; children: Cameron, Jacqueline) Carol Bernacchia (husband: Bruce). A special thank you to Vicki Tharaldson, NP, Roosevelt Ponneh, and all the other caregivers and staff at Presbyterian Homes of Bloomington. Mass of Christian Burial Thursday, March 23, 11 AM at St. Edward's Catholic Church, 9401 Nesbitt Ave S, Bloomington. Visitation 1 hour prior to Mass at the church. Memorials to St. Edwards or Bridging. Washburn-McReavy.com Werness Brothers 952-884-8145