



## Geraldine Marrin

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Marrin - Geraldine 'Jerry' November 18, 1915 - May 24, 2002. Geraldine Marie 'Jerry' Marrin died Friday at St. Benedict's Center, St. Cloud after a 35 year struggle with Parkinson's Disease, she was 86. Vigil service at 7 PM Monday and Mass of Christian Burial at 10 AM Tuesday at ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1201 5th St SE, Mpls. Celebrant will be her nephew, Reverend Joseph Gillespie, OP. Visitation 1 hour before Mass at the church. Burial at St. Mary's Cemetery, Mpls. Funeral arrangements through Washburn-McReavy Southeast Chapel, Mpls. Jerry Marrin was born November 18, 1915 in Mpls to Jasper & Adelaide (Mayer) Lapping. She grew up in SE Mpls and was a 1933 graduate of Mpls John Marshall. She showed an early aptitude for music. While in high school, she and 2 friends formed a trio, The Sophisticates, won numerous talent contests and sang regularly on WCCO radio opposite the Andrews Sisters. After high school, the trio joined the Bernie Cummins Orchestra. Jerry adopted the stage name 'Jerry Lang' and toured extensively with the orchestra during the 30s. When the trio later disbanded, Jerry became lead vocalist with the orchestra. She sang at the Waldorf Astoria in New York, The Palmer House in Chicago, The Palace Hotel in San Francisco and many other ballrooms across the country. She left the orchestra in 1939, returned to Mpls and met Francis J. Marrin. They were married on July 10, 1941 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church. They settled in SE Mpls and raised 7 children. After her marriage, Jerry continued her love of music and imparted it to her children. She was a mainstay of the choir at St.

Lawrence Catholic Church for many years, sang in church-sponsored musicals and variety shows, studied opera and piano at the MacPhail School of Music in Mpls, and became an accomplished classical pianist. She and her husband moved to St. Cloud in 1991. She is survived by her sons, Jim & wife Jane of St. Cloud, Bill & wife Peggy of Dallas, TX, Mike of Duluth, Pat & wife Diane of Kansas City, MO, Dan & wife Linda of Lakeshore, Casey & wife Carol of Cold Spring, daughter Mary & husband Chris Loetscher of New Ulm; sisters Beatrice & her husband Burton Johnston of Mpls, and Marjorie Berg of Bloomington; 20 grandchildren & 1 great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband on January 18, 1999; parents & brothers Edwin & Bennett Lapping. Pall bearers will be her children. Memorials are preferred to St. Lawrence Catholic Church.