



Gertrude Lombard Erickson

March 9, 2017

Erickson, Gertrude Lombard age 98, of St. Louis Park, passed away March 9, 2017. Preceded in death by son, John Michael Erickson; niece, Janet Beahen; brother, Roy and sister, Alice. Survived by grandson, Scott (Christine) Erickson of New Market; two great-grand-children, Kalley and Zach, other family & friends. Gert was involved in professional women's organization, Zonta, International Board of Minnesota Opera Assoc. and North Star Opera Assoc. In the 1980s she extended her activities to Mpls-Ibaraki City Cultural Assoc. Her hobbies included stained glass, knitting and reading. Gert lived a full life and loved to travel. Memorial service 2:00 pm Friday, March 17, with visitation one hour prior at: Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100

Tribute Wall

“ Meeting Gertrude at her Southdale Merle Norman studio in the 1970's was the beginning of a very good and long friendship. As a working woman new to the Twin Cities, she invited me to join the St. Louis Park Business & Professional Woman's Club in 1972. Many friends from that now disbanded club are still gathering for lunch once a month. Gertrude sponsored me into membership with the Zonta Club of Minneapolis in 1981. We worked together on many fundraising projects, especially the Zonta Annual Art Auction. For many years, her home was the collection point for the art to be auctioned, and where the auction catalog was created. After her retirement in 1983, Gertrude and I traveled to Hong Kong for a two-week adventure which included side trips into China and Macau. Gertrude traveled to the 1984 Zonta International convention in Sydney, Australia, and did pre and post tours with other Minneapolis members; we all gathered in Honolulu on our flights home to recover from jet lag before continuing to Minneapolis. On my first trip to Hawaii, along with Gertrude and her cousin and family, she and I learned how to snorkel in an underwater habitat off the shore of Lanai. What a discovery--one of the best days of my life! In 2006, Gertrude and our circle of BPW friends attended our wedding in Iowa, and a few years later Alan and I celebrated her 90th birthday with her. As long as she was able, Gertrude joined our BPW monthly gatherings for lunch or dinner. Gertrude always had an interest in working women's causes and in furthering the interests of women and families through service projects locally and internationally. I'm thankful for her friendship, her mentoring and all these memories.

Sincerely,

Virginia Houck and Alan Holst



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12-9-06 Pictured: BPW Friends Karen, Gertrude, Arlene, Virginia, Alan, Delores, Sally and Marion.

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