



Gertrude Vavra

January 30, 2006

Vavra, Gertrude A. age 96, formerly of Hopkins. Preceded in death, by her parents Anton & Annie Vavra and brother Alvin Vavra. Survived by sisters, Helen Vavra of Mpls., Libbie Braz of Honolulu, HI; nephews, Norman (Rosemarie) Braz of Casper, WY and Kenneth Braz of Vail, AZ; great-nephew, David Braz; great-nieces, Sarah and Mary Braz. She was born in Hopkins, MN. Graduated from Hopkins High School and Minneapolis Business College. Gertrude attended the University of San Francisco for 4 years at night taking theology classes. She worked for the Army Air Corps during WWII based in Alaska coding and decoding messages for the Aleutian Campaign. She later worked for the pineapple industry in Hawaii and San Francisco as an Executive Secretary. She enjoyed ballroom dancing in the 1940's and danced at the Royal Hawaiian under the stars. She also participated in dance clubs and exhibition teams in San Francisco. She was a member of Mission Delores Catholic Parish in San Francisco and the Basilica Care Guild and the Basilica of St. Mary Catholic Church in Minneapolis. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Alzheimer's Association or the Methodist Hospital Hospice. Mass of Christian Burial Tues., 10 am with visitation one hour before at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1310 Mainstreet, Hopkins. Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Excelsior. Washburn-McReavy Strobeck Johnson Chapel 952-938-9020