



Gloria Mae Anderson

November 3, 2016

Anderson, Georgia Mae age 86, of Minneapolis, MN, died unexpectedly at home on November 3, 2016. Georgia was born to George and Ruby Hendel on February 19, 1930 in Minneapolis. In 1950, Georgia and Lee were married, embarking on a 63 year journey full of love and admiration. Together they began raising a family of four while living with other young families in the University of MN Village, making lifelong friends there. Following Lee's graduation, they bought their first home, then in 1961 they moved to their much loved home in the Fulton neighborhood of SW Minneapolis where Georgia lived for the last 55 years. Georgia had a zest for life and a unique character which was evident to all who knew her. She was vibrant, caring, opinionated, generous, fiercely independent, intelligent, and loving. Georgia might be best known by her ability to make friends with everyone. She was genuinely interested in people and always took the time to talk with those she interacted with, touching many of their lives. She lived her life fully sharing her opinions, limericks, music, sense of humor and immense love. As a result, anyone who knew Georgia, knew her well. Throughout her life she taught her children to give to the community. With her talents and abundant energy she spent much time volunteering, especially for her children's schools and numerous charities. She led vision and hearing screening teams at schools in the Twin Cities for the MN Society for the Prevention of Blindness and Preservation of Hearing, and later became the Director of Preschool Screening for MSPB. In addition to social causes, Georgia was interested in

progressive politics and worked to effect change by participation in local government. She was also a steadfast member of Grandmother's for Peace, standing vigil on Wednesday evenings at 50th and France for many years. She was extremely curious and interested in everything. Her World Books, dictionaries and World Almanacs were used daily, and more recently she added "I'll Google it" to look for answers or to support her arguments. She also loved the outdoors and was health conscious before it was in vogue. As a couple, Georgia and Lee spent much time together hiking, biking, canoeing, and skiing. Their favorite place to spend time together though, was at their lake cabin surrounded by nature, spending most weekends during the summer there they loved it. Georgia also began running, and then walking around Lake Harriet every day, for over 25 years, with her two dear friends, Bunny and Shirley. But first and foremost, Georgia was devoted to her family. She was the matriarch and center of the family hosting holiday and birthday celebrations and many other gatherings. She showered her family and extended family with unconditional love, always giving of her heart and making everyone feel cherished. She was a wonderful mom, grandma, and triple-G. We love her with all of our hearts. Georgia was a bright star in the lives of all who knew her. Our hearts are broken. She will be deeply missed. Georgia was predeceased by Lee, her beloved husband of 63 years. She is survived by her children, Tom (Jess), Becky Hustedt (Jack), Bruce (Linda), Carol (Stephanie Smith); grandchildren, Kathy Bouten (Ryan), Laura Grahme (Brian), Brett and Shawn Anderson, Dan Champion, Emma and Elena Anderson-Smith, Dietrich Hustedt, and Suzy Hustedt; great-grandchildren, Madi and Kate Bouten, and Tyler and Mackenzie Grahme. Also, nieces, nephews, extended family and numerous friends. Memorials preferred to the Animal Humane Society, the Sierra Leone Scholarship Fund - an outreach program of Lake Harriet United Methodist Church, or to Minnesota Public Radio. Memorial service to be held at Lakewood Cemetery Chapel, 3600 Hennepin Avenue, Saturday, November 19, at 10:00 am. Reception immediately following at Lakewood Cemetery Reception Center. Washburn-

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“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Gloria Mae Anderson.*



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