



Harriet Annette Betzold

July 16, 1924 - May 15, 2020

Betzold, Harriet "Toby" Annette (nee Nelson) died May 15, 2020 at the age of 95. Born and raised on a farm in Hutchinson, MN, she was a longtime resident of Golden Valley and was preceded in death by her devoted golf and dance partner of 74 years, Ed Betzold on April 4, 2020. Harriet is survived by children Linda Taylor (Tom) of Maple Grove, Victor Betzold (Lynn) of Maryland, and grandchildren Gillian Betzold Walski (Brian), Bret Taylor and Travis Betzold. Her "can do" spirit was illustrated as a volunteer with the Civil Air Patrol during WWII, and later in various leadership roles in Boy and Girl Scouts, as a longtime board member for the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden (President 94-97), Golden Valley Federated Women's Club, Golden Valley Garden Club and a behind the camera role with the "Seniors on Screen" cable TV show. An avid golfer, Harriet was instrumental in the growth of the Brookview Women's Golf Association, and the expansion of the golf course. Harriet's love of nature was depicted in her lifelong interest in art. Her paintings of flowers, birds and landscapes, as well as her china painting captured her talent. Curiosity provided the impetus to travel to Russia, China, Australia and Europe and included a painting retreat in Italy. Harriet will be remembered for her generous and friendly spirit, a warm, gentle smile and a willingness to make things happen. Memorial donations preferred to The Friends of the Wild Flower Garden (Eloise Butler). A memorial service will be held for both Harriet and Ed sometime in the future.