



Harriet (Patterson) Rotsch

December 18, 2011

Rotsch, Harriet L. (nee Patterson) Age 91, of Edina, passed away on Dec. 11, 2011. Harriet Louise was born 1/1/1920 to Mabel and Oscar Patterson. She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Adele Caroline, Ruth Vivian, and brother John Gordon. She attended Louis Agassiz, Bryant Jr. & Central H.S. Survived by loving husband James and her children who loved her dearly: son James (Susanne) of Sun Lakes, AZ; son Richard of San Diego, CA; son Jeffrey (Chris) of Wayzata; daughter Debra Smith of Bloomington; and daughter Susan (Darrell) Jesseman of Burnsville, and grandchildren who were the light of her life: Michael (Joanne) Rotsch; Krysta (David) Farrell; Molly & Andrew Rotsch; Danielle & Derek Smith and Kevin & Kelli Jesseman. Great-grandchildren Ava, Owen & Elle Rotsch. Nieces and nephews Joanne Heeter; Charles (Maricel) Heeter; Bill (Kristi Correa) Heeter; Karen (Bill) Healy; Nancy Rotsch, plus many cousins & dear friends. Special friend Mary Canakes. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, Dec. 22 at 11 a.m. at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 9201 Normandale Blvd. in Bloomington with a luncheon to follow; visitation one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to St. Michael's Church. Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Tribute Wall

PC

“ I am currently reading her book, "Come With Me To The Holy Land".
She was a delightful author. Wish I could have known her and
traveled with her. Eclectic, AL

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Paula Castleberry,

Eclectic, Alabama

Contact Me

Paula Castleberry - March 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ For as long as I can remember, going over to Grandma and Grandpa's home led to many adventures when I was a little girl. Grandma would go down to the pool with me and sit, watching me swim. It must have been murder on her asthma, but she never complained. She would watch in delight as I blew bubbles on her and Grandpa's porch, and sometimes she would accompany me to the park located close to their home. We would watch old movies together. I remember a specific movie that we watched, 'The African Queen'. When Katherine Hepburn's character worked the church organ with her feet, it threw Grandma into peals of laughter, which, in turn, made me laugh as well. When I was twenty, Grandma and Grandpa opened their home to me until I was able to get back onto my feet. All through the time I stayed with them, Grandma helped me get things in order so I could go and live on my own. She even drove me home from the bus stop at night to make sure I got back safely after work. Over the years, we remained close and kept in touch. Sometimes when we would call each other, one of us would say that they were just going to call the other. We joked that itas probably ESP. I felt like I could tell her anything and I did. She withheld judgment and would tell me that everyone goes through their own trials; we just need to remember to learn from them. All in all, I know Grandma Harriet as a strong, spirited, warm and compassionate woman with a heart bigger than Texas. I will always remember the good times we had, there are so many of them. I am honored to be her grand-daughter, and I feel like the luckiest woman in the world to call her Grandma. I will miss her dearly.

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Krysta Farrell,

Roseville, Minnesota

Krysta Farrell - December 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *To all the Rotsches, I was so sad to hear of Aunt Harriet's passing last week. I will always cherish the wonderful childhood memories of time spent with Harriet and Bud (and all of you) at the lake. What a truly wonderful woman! She will be missed dearly! love, Catherine (Heeter) Bishop*

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Catherine Bishop,

Falls Church, Virginia

Catherine Bishop - December 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Danielle and Deb, I am so sorry for your loss, I know she was very dear to you. Alison Johnson*

December 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jeff, I am so sorry for your loss. I will keep you in my prayers. Dan Knox*

December 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Deb, Our condolences's to you and your the family. We have many shared and happy memories of Harriet at the cabin on Borden Lake, her hospitality and warm welcome. We will remember her fondly. Our prayers to you all. Love Jerome and Gayle Smith*

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Gayle Smith,

Minnetonka, Minnesota

Gayle Smith - December 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM