



## Mrs. Ione E. Holmberg

November 29, 1926 - October 30, 2020

Holmberg (Ekblad), Ione Age 93 passed away peacefully October 30, 2020. Preceded in death by husband Merton. Survived by children: Leslie (Caroline), Brian (Cindy), Wade (Cindy), Brent, Julie (Steven) Knutson. Grandchildren: Adam (Rachel), Storm, Chase, Trevor, Allison (Alex) Stephan, Evan Knutson. Ione graduated from Roosevelt HS in 1944 and then went to work for Northwestern Bell phone company downtown Minneapolis. It was while riding the trolley to work that she met the love of her life Merton Holmberg. They married in June 1949 and went on to raise 5 children together. Ione volunteered with many organizations: 12 yrs Wise tutor, 9 yrs Campfire Girl Leader, 18 yrs answering phones at Planned Parenthood, election judge for 5 Presidential elections, and a census taker in both 1980 & 1990. She entered handiworks and craft items at the MN State Fair for 48 years receiving ribbons 39 times. She was one of the original "Pink Ladies" at Methodist Hospital, St. Louis Park, and amassed over 5,000 hours between the entrance desk on Friday nights and the gift shop on Wednesdays. Ione roller skated every Tuesday until the age of 84. She was one of a kind and will be greatly missed. The family wishes to thank Lifesprk, St. Louis Park, and Walker Care Suites, Edina, for all their love and support. A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date. Memorials preferred to: Living Spirit United Methodist Church, 4501 Bloomington Ave So., Minneapolis 55407.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55418