



Irene J. Coulter

September 16, 2012

Coulter, Irene Josephine age 78, of Longboat Key, FL and New Brighton, MN died September 16 after a long fight with cancer. She refused to let this disease define her. Irene was born in Cologne, MN. After graduating from Central High School (Norwood Young America) she attended Mankato State where she earned a bachelors degree in elementary education and minored in art. On December 29, 1954, she married Tom Coulter and became his "first mate" in life. They logged numerous nautical miles aboard the Miss Nan throughout the Eastern United States, Gulf of Mexico and the St. Croix River. Besides enjoying music and performing arts, Irene loved the hunt of a good yard sale. Because of her fondness of people and plants, Irene became a founding member of the Village Gardenettes (St. Anthony Village - 1966). She spent many happy years involved with this club. Irene's other interests included books, painting, playing bridge and collecting seashells. However, Irene treasured the time with her friends, family and grandchildren the most. Irene is preceded in death by her father John, mother Ethel and sister Delores. Survivors include husband, Tom; sister, Karen; daughters, Nancy (Jim) Phillips, Melissa (Charles) Swanson; and grandchildren, Thomas, Robin, Henri, Evangeline and Charlie. In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to the organization of your choice. A memorial service for Irene will be held at a later date. For arrangement information please contact: [www. Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com) Columbia Hghts Chapel 763-789-4436 4101 Central Ave N.E.