



## Jean Downey Brastad

April 25, 1918 - November 19, 2015

Brastad, Jean Downey age 97, passed away peacefully on November 19, 2015, surrounded by her family; daughters Patty O'Brien and Carla Owsley, and son-in-law Jake Owsley. Born in Minneapolis April 25, 1918, to Iva and Hal Downey, Jean lived her whole life in Minneapolis. She attended Marshall High school, then earned a degree in Home Economics from the University of Minnesota, where she met the love of her life, Bill Brastad, at a student union dance. They were married shortly after Jean's graduation from the U. They had two daughters, Patty and Carla. Bill and Jean were 70+ year members of Plymouth Church, their spiritual home. There they made many lifelong friends, and were active in many church activities. After retirement they traveled the world, including Europe, Asia, and South America. Jean had a ready smile and hug for everyone she met. She will be missed by her family, Patty and Carla, brother Richard Downey, and the many people who loved her. She is preceded in death by her parents, sister Phyllis Downey, husband Bill and son-in-law John O'Brien. Memorial service will be held at Walker Methodist Health Center Chapel, 3737 Bryant Ave. S., Minneapolis, on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 2PM. Memorials may be directed to Plymouth Congregational Church.