



## Jeanne Patterson

October 14, 1931 - September 5, 2020

Patterson, Jeanne Shirley passed away September 5, at the age of 88. Jeanne was born October 14, 1931 in Grantsburg, Wisconsin to Herbert and Luella Lundberg, the 2nd of four siblings. She was a remarkable woman, devoted wife, and mother; and her passing leaves an enormous void in the lives of her husband and two daughters. Her daughter would say "She could turn sadness into tears of joy." She graduated from Grantsburg High School and attended The University of Wisconsin, Madison. She left the University after one year and went to work at Honeywell's Aeronautical Division where she met her husband. At Honeywell she worked in the spare parts department of the Aeronautical Division; and among her responsibilities was chairing parts provisioning conferences with the Air Force. When the meetings broke down because the participants could not reach a decision on the quantity of some trivial item she gently reminded them that they could err by a factor of ten on this item and not waste as much money as the conference was costing. She loved to play the piano and served as accompanist for soloists who studied under Oksana Bryn at the MacPhail School of Music. She worked with the Jewish Community Center to welcome Russian musicians to the United States, and arranged concerts for soloists to be introduced to the Twin City music audience. In 1998 she received the Minneapolis Award in recognition of her Civic activities. Her favorite activity was as Managing Director for the Plymouth Music Series, now VocalEssence, which she held from its inception until 1989. This position gave her the opportunity to come in contact with

many celebrities including Aaron Copland and Jehan Sadat, first lady of Egypt. Jeanne was preceded in death by her parents, and her sisters Elaine and Carol. She is survived by her husband Richard Patterson, daughters Christa and Courtney, daughter-in-law Cheryl Henley, her brother Herbert Lundberg, sister-in-law Corrine Lundberg, and numerous nephews, nieces, and friends. A special word of thanks is in order to the men and women of Sunrise of Golden Valley and Brighton Hospice who provided such outstanding care to Jeanne in the late stage of her life. It is hard to believe that such a large number of kind compassionate, caring people could be assembled for a common purpose as was represented by this group. Those wishing to do so, may make Memorial contributions in Jeanne's name to VocalEssence 1900 Nicollet Avenue Minneapolis, MN 55403. A celebration of her life will be held at Plymouth Congregational Church 1900 Nicollet Avenue South on a date to be determined. Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

# Cemetery Details

## Lakewood Crematory (Minneapolis)

3600 Hennepin Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55408