



Joan Christine Schnitzler

January 7, 2015

Schnitzler, Joan Christine 86, of Bloomington, died January 7, 2015, at Fairview Southdale Hospital, after a 3 year battle with ovarian cancer. Joan was born March 22, 1928, in Minneapolis. She was part of the first graduating class of Minneapolis SouthWest High School in 1947 and went on to become a stenographer and school secretary for Seward Public Schools. She continued to be a secretary at Yellowstone National Park, where she would meet her husband. She married the late Frederick S. Schnitzler in 1956 and was married for 54 years. Joan was a lifelong fiber artist, specializing in knitting, crocheting, and quilting. She had a "can-do" attitude and an adventurous spirit, and never let her physical limitations hold her back. She was a friend to everyone she met and always made them feel special. Joan is survived by her two children: Mary Esther Armstrong (Kevin Armstrong) of Maple Plain, and Frederick Conrad Schnitzler of Richfield. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Andrew Armstrong of Dayton, OH; and Samuel Armstrong of Maple Plain; and her nieces and nephews: Debra Jean Anderson (Steve Anderson) Johannah & Erik Anderson of Hudson, WI; John Henry Knauff (Julietta Knauff) of Coon Rapids, Laura Iverson (Nate Iverson) of Albuquerque, NM, & Thomas Knauff of Greenville, SC ; and cousins and friends. All services are to be held at Transfiguration Lutheran Church in Bloomington, Friday, Jan. 9. Visitation will take place at 10 am, service at 11 am and lunch to follow at 12 pm. Joan's love of "bedazzled" sweat-shirts is something of a legend and the family invites attendants to wear one in

remembrance of Joan. "She fought hard, but the cancer won." -- Mary E. Armstrong