



Kathryn Larson West

July 10, 2011

West, Kathryn Marie Larson Kathryn was born May 22, 1923, to Clara (Austin) and Claus Larson in rural Belgrade, MN, the third of three children. She spent her childhood on farms in rural Belgrade, was baptized and confirmed at Crow River Lutheran Church in rural New London, MN. She graduated from Belgrade High School and Fairview School of Nursing. She married Walter Frances West August 26, 1944, at Crow River Lutheran Church. Wally and Katie lived the first few years of their marriage in South Minneapolis, where their two children, Patricia and David, were born. In 1953, they moved to the home they built in Edina, in which Katie lived until 1996. She moved to an apartment in Vernon Terrace, and later to the Walker Elder Suites, both in Edina. She moved to Blue Earth in 2009 to be nearer to her daughter. Katie enjoyed gardening, knitting and needlepoint, cooking and baking, visiting with neighbors and the MN Twins. Her family was the center of her life. She has been a member of Normandale Lutheran Church since 1953. Kathryn died July 7, 2011, at St. Luke's Care Center in Blue Earth, MN, at the age of eight-eight years. She is survived by her daughter, Patricia West Hinkie of Lanesboro and her son, David and wife Candace West of Bemidji; by grandchildren, Gretchen Hinkie of Richfield, Erik and wife Erica Gardner Hinkie of Edina, Robert and wife Heather of Maple Valley, WA, and Holly and husband Eric of Bemidji; by five great-grandchildren, Adeline Ruth, Eleanor Kathryn, Coleman Hinkie, and Kaija and Maxwell West; nieces & nephews; Round Robin friends. Kathryn was preceded in death by her husband, Wally,

in 1994; by her brother, Coleman and her sister, Margaret; by sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law; by two nephews. Funeral service Tuesday, 1:00 PM with visitation 1 hour before at Normandale Lutheran Church, 6100 Normandale Road, Edina. Interment Lakewood Cemetery. Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996