



LaVanche Larson

August 13, 2016

Larson, LaVanche M. ("Pip") Née Pint

Passed away August 13, 2016. Preceded in death by husband Richard Ames Larson; brother Harleth 'Bud' Pint; and sister Geraldine Washburn. Survived by children Jeffrey Ames Larson, Timothy Stuart Larson, and Kristine Larson Vesley (Mark); brother Peter Pint; and sister Anne Marie Kujawa. Pip was born January 18, 1925, in Springfield, Minnesota, and raised in Sanborn. She always cherished memories of her small-town childhood and school experiences, especially singing in the sextet. Her obvious artistic talent inspired her father, who owned and ran a business on Main Street, to get an extra job to pay for her tuition at what is now the Minneapolis College of Art and Design in "the cities." With a freelance fashion illustration career in bloom while still a student, she left college early to draw her glamorous ads for Dayton's, The Golden Rule, and other Twin Cities department stores, taking the streetcar from the Woman's Club where she lived near Loring Park to her client offices. In the evenings, she taught at Arthur Murray Dance Studio, where she met her future husband, also an instructor. They and their children lived in homes lovingly decorated by her, first in Plymouth and later Minnetonka, eventually adding the little red summer cabin "up north" that she enjoyed appointing. Despite difficulties in the second half of her life, Pip lived proudly to the age of 91 and almost seven months, and she will be dearly missed. Special thanks to Legacy Home Health Care and Heartland Hospice, as well as Walker Methodist Health Center. A private burial service will take

place. Memorials welcomed to the American Heart Association or a scholarship fund at Minneapolis College of Art and Design.