



Lois Marie Kemper

March 31, 1921 - January 26, 2019

Kemper (nee Weaver), L. Marie age 97 from Anoka & formerly from St. Anthony, Minnesota, passed away to her Heavenly Home January 26, 2019. Born at home on a farm near Wessington, SD to Bertha & Orvil Weaver, Marie grew up in the depression era or dirty thirties riding horses bareback to herd cattle, do farm chores & help with younger siblings. Marie attended a one-room country school "The Evans School." After graduation from St. Laurence High School Marie attended nursing training for a full 3 years at St. Mary's Hospital in Pierre, SD. Upon graduation, passing her RN exam & short stints of work in Ft. Thompson & Pontiac, MI with her friend, Marcella Ryan, it was off to WW2 & the South Pacific as an Army nurse. Marie was awarded one of 4 bronze stars to South Dakota female veterans for her service. During this time she witnessed the surrender of Japan & the destructive wrath of the Atom Bomb at Hiroshima & Nagasaki. On August 31, 1947 Marie married Alfred Kemper. They were blessed with 3 children: Mark (Susan) Kemper of Lino Lakes, MN, Rosemarie (Rob) Donlin of Andover & Dr. Craig (Mary Kay) Kemper of Austin, TX. Her 9 grandchildren include Matthew Kemper, Erin Nehring, Carly Busch, Ann Elise Donlin, Paul & Mark Donlin & Karl, Kristin & John Kemper; also 8 great grandchildren; Ella & Addison Kemper, Caleb, Ava, Lydia & Sophia Nehring, & Madelynn & Matthew Busch. Marie is survived by one sister, Mildene Turpin of Bakersfield, CA & is preceded in death by her parents, Bertha & Orvil; brothers Marvin, Clarence, Mike & Darrow & sister Mildred & grandson Matthew Kemper. Marie continued to work as a nurse

after the war working in emergency rooms in Pierre, SD & as a private duty nurse in St. Anthony. She authored her own biography, "The Springtime of Life," a story of her early life growing up in South Dakota. She was an avid reader, having family ties to Mark Twain. Marie enjoyed playing cards, especially bridge, with friends. She was famous for her pecan, apple & rhubarb pies. Marie will be remembered for her infectious smile, pleasant laugh and her hugs & the love for her family. Marie imparted a "tough love" for her children but it reminded them that hard work & persistence was required in this life. Marie & Al enjoyed many years of travel after Al's retirement. Trips to Marble Falls, TX, Hawaii & Europe were favorites. They celebrated 61 years of marriage prior to Al's passing in 2009. Marie will be missed by friends & family. Services are scheduled for Friday, February 1st, 11:00 AM with visitation 1 hour before at the New Brighton United Church of Christ at 1000 Long Lake Road in New Brighton, MN. Lunch will follow at noon. Private interment at a later date with full military honors will be at the Black Hills National Cemetery at Ft. Meade, S.D. Memorials to New Brighton UCC. Washburn-McReavy.com Coon Rapids Chapel 763-767-1000

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

United Church of Christ New Brighton
1000 Long Lake Road
New Brighton, MN 55112

Church Service

FEB 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thanks for serving*

A VETERAN - February 10, 2019 at 07:57 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lois Marie Kemper.*



January 30, 2019 at 06:58 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lois Marie Kemper.*



January 30, 2019 at 11:22 AM



“ *Aunt Marie was a force of nature, I was always intimidated by her. I sure she influenced my chose of careers for that I am grateful. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Glenna Ethridge - January 28, 2019 at 10:12 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lois Marie Kemper.* ”



January 28, 2019 at 09:56 PM