



Lorraine (Toft) Tate

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Tate, Lorraine Florence (Toft) Age 90, passed away May 22, 2010. Lorraine Florence Toft was born December 5, 1919, in Minneapolis, daughter of Paul Gerhard and Florence Beiersdorf Toft. Graduated in 1938 from North High School and from Miss Woods Kindergarten-Primary Training College, Minneapolis. Completed her four year degree in elementary education and music at Winona State University. A lifelong educator, she taught elementary school at Mountain Lake, Glyndon, Barnesville, Oak Grove and, for 38 years, in the Austin (Minn.) Public Schools. Served as president of the Austin Teachers Association (ATA) and on the ATA Negotiation and Grievance Committees. She married James M. Tate on December 27, 1952. The Tates were members of First United Methodist Church in Austin where Lorraine worked in Christian education until 1982 when the couple moved to Brooklyn Park. She worked in Christian education at Harron United Methodist Church, and volunteered in the Hennepin County Medical Center Pediatric Unit from 1982-85, while James was undergoing kidney dialysis. She received four Certificates of Service from MMC in recognition and appreciation for her volunteerism. She volunteered for the Brooklyn Park Grades R Us Program and was a member of the Park Villa Townhomes Governing Board serving as its president from 1998 until the time of her death. For 17½ years Lorraine volunteered for the Community Emergency Assistance Program (CEAP) in Brooklyn Center. In April 1998 CEAP presented her with the Carol Dale Outstanding Volunteer Award. In 1999, she received the Brooklyn Center

Community Education Award from the Brooklyn Center Community Education Advisory Council. Lorraine is survived by children Paul Tate of Cologne, Bruce (Jean) Tate of Mpls, Mary Hanson of Anoka, Judith Riley of Morris, and Patricia (Ronald) Oehler of Knoxville, TN; 16 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, 4 great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her husband, parents, brother Paul Toft Jr., son James L. Tate and son-in-law Robert Riley. Memorial service Saturday, June 12, 2010, 11:00 AM at Brooklyn United Methodist Church, 7200 Brooklyn Blvd., Brooklyn Center. Visitation 1 hour prior to service at church. Private interment. Memorials preferred to the American Diabetes Association, Brooklyn United Methodist Church or CEAP. Washburn-McReavy Robbinsdale Chapel 763-537-2333 4239 West Broadway