



Louise Merritt

July 17, 2011

Merritt, Louise (nee Lidberg) Age 81, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on July 13, 2011. Preceded in death by husband, Ken; parents, Ernst & Esther Lidberg; all 6 of her siblings; and granddaughter, Kelsi Joy Merritt. Survived by children, Mike (Cherie) of Fargo, Pat (Bill) Baillie of Minnetonka, Rob (Denise) of Howard Lake, Tom (Dawn Jones) of Lindstrom, John (Sue) of Minnetonka; 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild; 3 nieces; many friends and other relatives; and devoted dog, Arly. Born and raised on the family farm near Winthrop, Minn., where she graduated from high school, after marriage Mom and Dad lived in Winthrop and Pipestone before settling in Minnetonka. Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (IHM), where Mom ran the school lunch program for 23 years, was an important cornerstone in her life. She loved to nurture the schoolchildren, family, friends and those in need through her incredible cooking and baking skills and her generous spirit. Mom counted time spent with family and friends, and time in the outdoors tending her yard and gardens, among her most cherished memories. Her family thanks Dr. Mark Menge, nurse Sarah Van Peurse, and the staff of Methodist Hospice and the Marie Steiner Kelting Hospice Home for the compassionate care they provided to Mom throughout her illness and during her final days. A very special thanks goes to Matt Erb, who mended Mom's body and nurtured her eternal spirit over the past decade. Visitation on Sun., July 17, from 6-8 p.m. at Strobeck-Johnson Funeral Chapel, 1400 Mainstreet, Hopkins. Mass of Christian Burial Mon., July 18 at

11 a.m., with visitation 1 hour prior to the service, at IHM Church, 13505 Excelsior Blvd., Minnetonka. Private interment at later date at St. Margaret's Cemetery. Memorials preferred to the family, who will divide them equally between Red Cloud Indian School in Pine Ridge, SD, and IHM Church. Washburn-McReavy Strobeck Johnson Chapel 952.938.9020