



Lucille Topka

February 27, 2011

Topka, Lucille Lucille "Lu" Topka of Edina passed away peacefully on Feb. 22 at the age of 97. Lu's life was spent caring for others. A registered nurse, she worked early in her career as the only night nurse at the New Prague Hospital. She spent the last 25 years of her career caring for vulnerable babies in the St. Mary's Hospital Premature Nursery. At home she cared for children, grandchildren, pets, farm animals, and neighbors. She and her husband Raymond were married for 56 years, and for the last five years of Raymond's life she was his sole caretaker. Lu was a world traveler, a brilliant crocheter, and an avid crossword puzzler. She will be dearly missed for her warmth, her girlish laughter, and her graceful dignity. Lu was preceded in death by her beloved husband Raymond; her daughter Jeanne Topka; her parents Ignatius and Catherine Scherber; and her siblings Gerhard Scherber, Florence Dehn, and Colette Barthel. She is survived by her son Richard Topka and his wife Rita; her daughter Mary Lathrop; her granddaughters JoAnne Meise, Sara Lathrop and her husband Mark Ehling, and Rachel Topka; and her great-grandson Soren Ehling. Also surviving her are her nieces Laura Schumann and Yvonne Roden; and her nephews Paul Schumann, Randy Schumann, Don Schumann, Kenneth Barthel, Roger Barthel, Gerald Dehn, Allan Dehn, and Willard Dehn. Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday at 11 am in the Chapel at St. Patrick's of Edina Catholic Church, 6820 St. Patrick's Lane, Edina, with visitation one hour before the service at the church. Memorials to Fairview Riverside NICU or the donor's choice preferred. Washburn-McReavy

Edina Chapel