



## Mabel R Hokanson

February 12, 2017

Hokanson, Mabel R. Age 95, of Minneapolis, passed away on February 12, 2017, at Episcopal Church Home in St. Paul where she was a resident for 10 years. She was born on December 10, 1921 in Gwinn, Michigan. For much of her professional life she was employed by the Minneapolis Public School System, retiring as a first grade teacher. Mabel had many joys in her life. She enjoyed volunteering for AICE, going to the Guthrie Theater, playing a competitive game of bridge and traveling the world. She was an avid reader right to the end of her life. Mabel loved spending time with her family and friends. Her generosity helped her grandchildren fulfill college aspirations and bridge life's interruptions. She had a wonderful sense of humor and her contagious laugh was attested to her love of life. She is survived by her sisters Grace Nolingberg, and Betty West; brother-in-law David West; sons Roger (Karen) and Kirk (Margaret McDonald); grandchildren, Spencer, Briana and Heda, and many nieces, nephews and friends. Preceded in death by her parents, brothers Stanley, John and Carlyle, sister Dorothy and husband John Hokanson. A special thank you to John Armstrong for his un-wavering compassion and caretaking for the past many years, and the supportive and warm staff of Episcopal Homes. A service will be held at Sunday February 19, 2017, 1:00 PM at Coventry Chapel in Cornelia House, 1840 University Avenue West, St. Paul, MN 55104. Visitation one hour before the service. Private interment at Sunset Cemetery. If so desired, memorials may be directed to the Minneapolis Public School System. Washburn-McReavy.com Davies

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# Tribute Wall

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“ We were so sorry to read the news about Mabel. What a great picture - thanks for posting it! I taught 2nd grade at Bremer Elementary with her and my husband, Don, taught Phy. Ed. there. We had great respect for Mabel's professionalism. She had well-behaved classes and her students were well prepared for 2nd grade. We have admired her dedication to children and education through the organizations and activities she participated in and supported long after she retired from the classroom.

We share so many memories of fun teacher parties at Mabel's. She shared her home in Kenwood with all of us - generously and often. In later years, we former teachers often met for very long, fun lunches. It was usually Mabel who got us all together.

Our sympathy is with her boys and families. I hope Mabel's grandchildren will know that she was someone to admire and love.  
Our sympathy,  
Don and Kay Anderson  
Hawley, Minnesota

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**Kay Anderson** - February 18, 2017 at 08:43 PM

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“ I’m so sorry to learn of Mabel’s passing. She was a grand lady in so many ways.

*It was my good fortune to meet her during one of Minneapolis’ ACEI activities. ACEI is an acronym for Association for Childhood Education International – a world professional organization that works for the educational rights of all children in all countries. It first began as the International Kindergarten Teachers Association and that is what got Mabel involved.*

*She was "Miss Minnesota ACEI" for many of us over the years. I can fondly recall her "slepping" things for ACEI around to various bazaars to make a few bucks for our kid’s projects. I even asked her, “Why don’t we just throw in a few bucks and let it go.” But she "politely" told me that if we didn’t go and sell these things who would tell the story of ACEI to everyone. She was right.*

*She and her husband, John, attended dozens of national conferences until she just couldn’t anymore. Mabel was the kind of person who always wanted to learn as much as she could about the education of children and how even just one of us could make a difference in their lives.*

*Under her direction as the Minneapolis and Minnesota ACEI President she made a big difference to many kids. During her leadership in Minneapolis our public school children - especially the hearing disabled and those who needed warm clothing - enjoyed a better day at school because of her efforts.*

*Minnesota ACEIers and educators around the world will miss her smile, wit and sense of working hard so that our children could have a better day at school.*

*I’m unable to attend her services but I will certainly have her and the*

*family in my heart as you celebrate her life.*

*God's Peace.*

*Loren Meinke  
Brainerd, MN  
Past ACEI Executive Board Member*

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**Loren Meinke** - February 16, 2017 at 03:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mabel R Hokanson.*



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February 16, 2017 at 07:16 AM