



## Margaret (Helseth) Palmer

August 23, 2005

Palmer, Margaret L.(nee Helseth)Age 89, Of New Brighton Passed away peacefully on 8-20-05 while recovering from ankle surgery at a convalescent center. She was born February 5, 1916 in East Bethel, MN, to Ole and Josephine Helseth. The youngest of five siblings, she joined sisters, Pearl and Pat; and brothers, Conrad and Peter, all now deceased. Margaret grew up in Minneapolis and was a 1934 graduate of Central High. As a young woman, Margaret worked at Bjorkman's in the office and occasionally modeled fashions at the store. Married to Arnold in 1940, they were devoted to one another until his death in 1994. They raised 3 children and worked as a team to establish and develop the family home building business. In later years, Margaret and Arnold enjoyed winter travels to the sun-belt. Also enjoyed over 40 years of glorious weekends at their beloved cottage on Bone Lake. Margaret loved to garden and be in nature. On one of her last Bone Lake visits, she exclaimed, "I've known these trees half my life", and smiled and sat back in the sun. She liked to cook and entertain at any time. Especially loved the holidays. Who can forget the wonderful Scandinavian Christmas Eve dinners she created? And she loved animals, especially many beloved family dogs. For the last two years, Margaret lived happily at Brightondale Assisted Living. She dined with the same group of special ladies everyday. She was a voracious reader and exchanged book reviews with those of us with the same passion. To the end, Margaret was the heart of the family. By life-long example, she taught again and again the importance of family and friends.

She was a beautiful spirit, loyal to her loved ones and an industrious person. She will be sorely missed. Survived by children, Patricia (Neil) Heraly, John Palmer and Midge Palmer; grandchildren, Todd Heraly, David (Nora) Palmer, Mark (fiancee, Mandy Sorenson) Heraly, Christopher (Kim) Palmer, Steven Tolzmann and Melissa Tolzmann; great grandchildren, Beryl and John Palmer and Megan and Abby Palmer. Also survived by dear cousins, nieces, nephews and many very special friends. If so desired, memorials may be directed to Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church or donor's choice. Interment Hillside Cemetery. Funeral service 11AM Wednesday, Aug. 24 at GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1509-27th Ave NE., Mpls., 55418 with visitation one hour prior to service and Tues. (TONIGHT) 6-8 PM at: Washburn-McReavy Hillside Chapel 2610 19th Ave NE 612-781-1999