



## Margaret Samsel

March 22, 2005

Samsel, Margaret B. - October 23, 1902- March 19, 2005 Preceded in death by Paul Samsel, husband; Beth Eckert, sister; Wilson Bonbrake, brother; Louis Bonbrake and Mary Oberlin, parents. Survived by son, Thomas F. Samsel and wife Arlene of New Brighton, Minnesota; Tim Samsel, grandson, and wife Melinda of Lino Lakes, Minnesota and children Nicholas and Tara; Peter Samsel, grandson, of Ithaca, NY; and Lori Samsel, granddaughter, Brooklyn, NY. Margaret was born in Ashley, Indiana, graduated from high school at age 16, and immediately began teaching in country schools. Attending Tri-State University, University of Chicago, and Heidelberg College, she taught for 8 years. In 1929, Margaret married Paul Samsel and then moved to Midland, Michigan where Paul was a chemist at Dow Chemical. Except for the year 1930-31 when Paul attended graduate school at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana, she lived in Midland until 1968 when they retired in Green Valley, Arizona. In 1984 Paul and Margaret moved to Minneapolis to be close to son Thomas. After Paul's death in 1992, Margaret moved to Presbyterian Homes of Arden Hills where she remained until her death. Margaret was very active in women's organizations and churches in Midland and held various offices in them, even helping to found a new congregation of the UCC church. Her talents were many - she had a good wit and sense of humor, was good at cooking, presiding in organizations, writing poetry, painting, doing pottery, and doing volunteer work. Margaret was well-liked, could sing all the words by memory to church hymns until the end

and a few days before her death recited from memory Psalm 23, the 'Good Shepherd' psalm. We will miss your fun spirit, Margaret! Funeral service 2PM Friday at PRESBYTERIAN HOMES OF ARDEN HILLS, 3220 Lake Johanna Blvd., 651-631-6000, with visitation 1 hr. prior. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery, Bloomville, OH. Washburn McReavy Northeast Chapel 612-781-6828.