



## Marilyn Terwilliger

February 18, 1935 - September 8, 2023

Terwilliger, Marilyn A. (Mortvedt) age 88, of Eden Prairie, died Friday, Sept. 8, at Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park. Preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Clara Mortvedt, her husband Richard Terwilliger, daughter Debra Terwilliger, sisters Lucille Ramstad and Carole Petersen, brother John Mortvedt and sister-in-law Mary Lou Terwilliger. Survived by her son Scott (Sandy) Terwilliger, sisters Audrey Mortensen and Jeanne Steinharter, brother Robert Mortvedt, brothers-in-law Don (Carolyn) Terwilliger and Roy Terwilliger, sister-in-law Marlene Mortvedt, grandchildren Tara, Briana (Karen), Ben (Jordan), Sam and Natalie, great-grandson Layne and numerous nieces and nephews. Marilyn was born in Dell Rapids, S.D., grew up on the family farm and, for the first five years of school, attended a one-room schoolhouse as the only student in her grade level. She studied education at South Dakota State. At a party during college, she met her future husband Dick after telling a friend, "He's going to ask me to dance." The couple lived briefly in New Jersey but spent most of their married life in South Dakota and Wisconsin. Marilyn taught reading in Elkhorn, Wis., and was a substitute teacher in Sun Prairie, Wis. She moved to Eden Prairie in 1985 after the death of her husband. She worked part-time retail jobs and became a volunteer at Methodist Hospital in 1987, serving for more than 30 years. She belonged to St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie, where she was active on numerous committees. Her other interests included golf, bowling, reading, puzzles, knitting and needlework. Her relatives and friends looked forward to the funny and offbeat

birthday cards Marilyn had a knack for choosing. Her sharp wit, loving spirit and ability to see the good and funny in everyone will be deeply missed. A funeral service is planned for Sept. 28, 11 a.m., at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 13600 Technology Drive, Eden Prairie, with visitation at 10 a.m. and lunch to follow. Memorials may be directed to the St. Andrew Lutheran Church Youth Camp Fund.