



## Mrs. Marjorie Lorraine Tillery

September 21, 1924 - November 11, 2022

Marjorie Lorraine Tillery, 98, Champlain, MN passed away peacefully on November 11, 2022. She was born on September 21, 1924 to Fred Wencil and Lillian (Peterson) Wencil in Croke Township, MN. Her maternal grandparents immigrated to western Minnesota from Odensa, Denmark in the late 1800's and begin to acquire land through the Homestead Act of 1862 which the family still farms today. She attended school around Dumont, MN and was baptized and confirmed in the Emanuel Luthern Church - Missouri Synod.

As a young woman, she moved to the Twin Cities along with her sisters and cousin. She attended Hennepin Beauty College and graduated in 1943. She worked briefly at Scott and Atwater and 3M which both participated in manufacturing supplies for the war effort. She met her future husband, A.D. Tillery, CSM, US Army, while he was stationed at Camp McCoy in Wisconsin in 1942. He had been sent up from Fort Sam Houston, TX to train for winter maneuvers prior to being deployed to Northern Ireland and then Wales, England in preparation for the D Day invasion. They corresponded throughout the war and when he returned to the States they married on January 14, 1946 in Bonham, TX. For the next 30 years, she supported his military career moving around the country and Germany making a home wherever they were stationed until he retired in 1971 and they relocated to the Twin Cities to be near family. She taught Sunday school classes and summer Bible school

while stationed in Mannheim, Germany and Ft. Hood, TX. They remained a devoted team for 70 years until his passing in 2016. In life, she cherished her family above all else and her role as a homemaker, wife, mother and grandmother. She was a talented seamstress and a fantastic cook and baker. She enjoyed collecting recipes, cookbooks, and scrapbooking. She also loved hosting family get togethers. Her favorite thing in life was snuggling her grandchildren in her lap and reading them a book. Her laughter, beautiful smile and heart of gold will be missed by all who loved her.

Marjorie was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, A.D, Tillery, her beloved daughter Karen D. Walz and her siblings, Edna Kellerman, Leona Mathey, Rosita Becker and Arnold Wencel. She is survived by her son Gary Tillery, daughter Sherry T. Harbord, son- in -law Leroy Walz, sister-in-law Mary Wencel and daughter-in-law, Margaret Tillery. She is also survived by her grandchildren Andrea Rustad, Eric Walz, Amanda (Francisco) Paredes, Grant Tillery and Jeffrey Tillery. Great grandchildren, Riley Rustad, Logan Paredes and Evan Paredes and a niece and several nephews.

A visitation and memorial service will be held on December 4, 2022 from 1 to 4 pm at Wasburn-McReavy, Glen Haven, 5125 West Broadway, Crystal, MN. Private internment.

# Cemetery Details

## Glen Haven Memorial Gardens

5125 West Broadway  
Crystal, MN 55429

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

DEC 4. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel  
5125 West Broadway  
Crystal, MN 55429

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mary and David Wencel purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Marjorie Lorraine Tillery.*



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**Mary and David Wencel** - December 02, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marjorie Lorraine Tillery.*



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December 01, 2022 at 10:00 AM

VK

“ *Sherry, my condolences to you and your family at this difficult time. From the stories you shared with me about your mother, I know that she was fiercely dedicated to her family. As our mutual friend Cathy might have said, "Those military wives are unsung heroes!" Take comfort in your memories and know that she has a fine legacy in her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

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**Vicki Kohl** - November 30, 2022 at 04:39 PM

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“ Sherry

*“My heart goes out to you and your family for the loss of your mom. Be kind and gentle with yourself. Renee*



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**Renee Hillyer** - November 18, 2022 at 03:20 PM