



Mary Jane (Cavanaugh) Lefler

February 20, 2018

Lefler, Mary Jane (Cavanaugh) age 96, of St. Louis Park passed away peacefully on February 20, 2018, at York Gardens Senior Living. Mary was born on May 17, 1921, to Loren and Grace (Larson) Cavanaugh in Humboldt Iowa. Mary married Herbert P. Lefler Jr. on August 25, 1945, a week after he returned from active duty in World War II. Shortly thereafter, they moved to St. Louis Park, where they remained until Herb's passing in 1991. Mary was continually active in her community. During her lifetime, she volunteered as a candy striper for Methodist Hospital, was a past President of the St. Louis Park Women's Club, was a longtime member of Peace Presbyterian Church, endowed Lecture series in Herbert's name at Gustavus Adolphus and Carleton Colleges, and through her personal philanthropy, touched the lives of many. In later life, Mary joined a circle of women who knitted thousands of hats, scarves and mittens for those in need. She was proud of the idea that the items she knitted reached people around the world. Mary was an inveterate reader and loved playing bridge, knitting, and most importantly, her family. Mary is preceded in death by her parents; and husband Herb. She is survived by her children, Herb (Diane) Lefler of Edina, Jane (Dean) Wahlund of St. Peter, John (Karen) Lefler of Mankato; 8 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. A Memorial Service will be held at 2:30 pm on Sunday, March 4, 2018, at the Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, 5000 W. 50th Street, Edina. Visitation will be available beginning at 1:30 pm on that day; and a reception will follow the service. Guestbook: Washburn-McReavy.com Edina

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Tribute Wall

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“ Jane, I saw your mom's obituary in the paper. Her smile on the picture was just like I remember her. What a rich and full life she had. May you treasure all the great memories of both your parents.
Lynn Schurrer

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