



Mary Frances Rausch

March 9, 1924 - March 9, 2015

Age 91 of Oak Park Heights, MN passed peacefully into the arms of her Heavenly Father on her birthday, March 9, 2015. Mary was born March 9, 1924 in St. Petersburg, FL in the home her father, a brick mason, built. She met the love of her life while they were both employed at PPG Industries in Columbus, Ohio. Gene and Mary were wed September 21, 1946 and were blessed to be married over 65 years. Mary devoted her life to raising her children and homemaking. She enjoyed traveling, knitting and crocheting, league bowling and card games. She always had a song in her heart and a warm smile to greet those near and dear to her. Preceded in death by her parents, Irving Leland and Josephine Frances (née Foote) Hess; brother, Richard Leland Hess, Sr.; brother, Robert Edwin Hess; husband, Robert Eugene Rausch; and granddaughter, Heidi Marie Erickson Firkus. Survived by four children, Nancy (Ray) Buchanan of Melbourne, FL; Robert (Sandra) Rausch of Albuquerque, NM; Linda (John) Erickson of Falcon Heights, MN; and Christine (Richard) McCoy of Marietta, GA; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Mary will be dearly missed by those who called her Mom, Grandma, and Great-Grandma. Her sweetness and kindness will not be forgotten. Mary loved the Lord with all her heart, soul and strength. Her family rejoices that she lives on in the presence of her Savior. Special thanks to the wonderful staff of Boutwells Landing Gables Care Center 3rd Floor who lovingly cared for Mary for close to 4 years. Private services to be held.