



Mary Strother

March 29, 2007

Strother, Mary Margaret 87, of Edina was called home to the Lord on Sunday, March 25, 2007 after a brief illness preceded by a long and extraordinary life. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 45 years, Archie and her brothers, Frank, Stanley and Fr. Don. She is survived by her four sons, William, Richfield; Paul (Mary), Cologne, MN; James (Denise), Piedmont, CA; Patrick (Patricia), Mound; and seven grandchildren, Joseph (Jenny), Julie, Molly, Grant, Catherine "CC", Sara, and Ryan; and brother, Jim; and Sister Helen. Mary lived a rich, giving and adventurous life. She was born in Harvey, New Brunswick, Canada to Margaret and Howard Boyle, the oldest of six. She taught in a one room schoolhouse in Alberta. She met a Texas-born U.S. Army Captain stationed in Edmonton. They married in 1946 and she bravely moved to rural west Texas. After living in San Angelo, Saint Louis, Montreal; the family moved to Geneva, Switzerland. In 1958 she returned - via ocean liner - to Edina where she raised four spirited lads during the turbulent 60's. After the death of her husband in 1991, she began a very active life of volunteerism until quite recently. Her energies were directed to helping others through Meals on Wheels, Friends of Saint Stephens and playing piano at Edina Care. She loved to read, garden, knit, do crossword puzzles in ink, and dote lovingly on her grandchildren. Her love of art and music inspired many. The family wants to thank her oldest son, William for his daily support of Mom and his enormous courage during her final days. Memorials to the Friends of Saint Stephens, 2211 Clinton Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55404. Interment

Lakewood Cemetery. Mass of Christian Burial 11 AM TODAY, March 29 at the Church of Christ the King, 51st and Zenith Ave S., Mpls. with visitation 1 hour prior to Mass at the church. Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100