



## Mary Louise 'Mary Lou' (Stork) Woodward

January 30, 2016

Woodward, Mary Louise Stork (Mary Lou) age 93 of Edina, died peacefully on January 30, 2016. Survived by children Ruth Anna (Van) Miller, Martha (Pat) Ryan, Woody Woodward, and sister Grace (Gene) Erickson; 9 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; 1 great-great grandchild; beloved nieces and nephews and extended family. She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years (Rev. Don Woodward) in 2011, and her parents, Norman Clinton and Meda Fairbanks Dyson Stork. Mary Lou was a graduate of Hamline University. She was active in churches Don presided in, finding ways to share her strengths. She was an organist, pianist, harpist, devotional leader, piano teacher, and church secretary. At age 65 she started playing the harp she made, playing and supporting others with her music. She loved to travel, was a gifted poet, avid reader and had unlimited interest in arts and crafts, spirituality, and history. She genuinely loved and valued people. "When I was with her I talked a little softer, felt a little gentler and loved a little stronger. I saw the world a little brighter, people a little better, and life a little easier. She always had kind and encouraging words to speak, music and poetry to share, and a sincere smile that I'll remember for always." The family wants to thank the Palliative Care Team at Methodist Hospital, her church family at Messiah UMC, 7500 Yorkers, and Rec Lab friends. Memorials preferred to the Rockford Historical Society (Ames-Florida-Stork House) and Messiah United Methodist Church or Memorials of your choice. Memorial service will be held Saturday Feb. 6, 2016, 10am at Messiah United Methodist Church, 17805 County Rd. 6,

Plymouth, with visitation one hour prior. Visitation will also be held Friday Feb.  
5, 2016, 3-6 PM at: Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996  
West 50th St. & Hwy 100

# Tribute Wall

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“ We are members of SPDL church choir with Woody. We have enjoyed seeing Mary Lou in church, wearing her adorable black hat. She was an extremely accomplished lady. To be so active and independent at her age was God's blessing. Our condolences to your entire family. Leanna and Keith Erickson

Leanna Erickson - February 05, 2016 at 02:41 PM

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“ Mary Lou and Don are now joined together in the loving arms of Christ. I can see the beautiful smile on Don as Mary Lou comes to hug him.

An old friend,  
Rollie Robinson

Rolland Robinson - February 04, 2016 at 01:14 PM

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“ With love, Mary Ann, Tom, Colleen, Matt and Mike Ryan purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Mary Louise 'Mary Lou' (Stork) Woodward.



With love, Mary Ann, Tom, Colleen, Matt and Mike Ryan -  
February 03, 2016 at 02:51 PM

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“ *Our family met Mary Lou and Don In Sun City West, AZ as my parents were good friends. Mary Lou played the piano for Karl when he sang at Shepherd of the Hills Methodist Church, Then frequent visits and lunch - walking through Centennial Park my life was enriched every time. Gentle spirit, ever learning and deepening her Spiritual journey and sharing this with me. June 2015 when I visited Mary Lou played her harp. Peace to her memory and grateful for having known her.*



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**Beverly Henkel** - February 03, 2016 at 08:52 AM