



Miriam Arsdale

April 9, 2006

Van Arsdale, Miriam age 85. Miriam was called home April 6, 2006. Born July 20, 1920 in Rose Creek, MN to Lillian and Oren Blabaum who preceded her in death. Also preceded by brothers, Fred, Bob and Allan; and her husband and soulmate of 55 years, John. Miriam moved to Mpls. as a teenager and graduated from Central High School where she received an athletic letter in various women's sports. She married John Rue Van Arsdale III in 1941 and followed him from WI to OK to ND to AL while he was in Officer & Artillery training during WWII. When John returned from Europe, they settled in South Mpls. and moved to Minnetonka 10 years later. They raised 3 children and Miriam lived in that house for 50 years. She was a born caregiver, compassionate human being who had many interests including world travel, gardening, strong ties to her church where she was a Stephens Minister. Miriam will be remembered by family and friends for her sense of humor, sincere interest in people's lives and her love for life. She is survived by son, John (Linda); daughter, Kathleen (Dan) Duncan and son, William (Patti); 8 grandchildren; 5 nieces & 1 nephew. Memorials preferred to the John & Miriam Van Arsdale Memorial Fund, Excelsior Covenant Church or the MN Landscape Arboretum. Interment Lakewood Cemetery. Funeral service 11:00 AM Tues. at Excelsior Covenant Church, 19955 Excelsior Blvd., Excelsior. Visitation one hour before service at church Tuesday and also 4-7 PM Monday at: Washburn-McReavy Strobeck Johnson Chapel 1400 Mainstreet, Hopkins 952-938-9020