



Miriam Hildegard Manfred

May 1, 1917 - November 28, 2024

Miriam Hildegard Manfred was born on May 1, 1917 in Stockholm, Wisconsin, the youngest of seven children of Pastor and Mrs. Alexander Peterson. She attended public schools in Holmes City and Alexandria, Minnesota, before graduating from Roosevelt High School, Minneapolis, in 1935, and four years later from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota. Miriam taught in several Minnesota high schools before becoming united in marriage in 1942 to a Gustavus classmate, Carl L. Manfred, at that time a senior student at Augustana Seminary in Rock Island, Illinois. In subsequent years she and Carl lived in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Duluth and Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, before returning to Minneapolis in 1965. As a pastor's wife she was active in parish life, most notably in such volunteer programs as Stephen Ministries, Cursillo, Charis and Community Emergency Service, as well as in a variety of civic organizations. She was a member of Philadelphia's "Singing City" organization and later a charter member of the Frederic Hilary Chorale in Minneapolis. Miriam organized pre-school programs in Philadelphia and the Twin Cities and then taught for twenty years at St. Peter's Lutheran School in Edina. A member of Normandale Lutheran Church for over 40 years, she was active in Lutheran Church Women, the Senior Choir, and the Rejoice! Sing! organizations. Miriam is survived by her four children: Peter (Jean) of San Antonio, Texas; Mark (Julie) of Edina; Carol Sack (James) of Tokyo, Japan; and David (Christine) of Phnom Penh Cambodia, eleven grandchildren and

eleven great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, by her brother, Reuben, her husband, Carl, and by her five sisters: Alice Conrad, Ruth Matson, Hannah Johnson, Linnea Massie and Edith Martinson. Miriam passed away at Sunrise of Edina on the dawn of Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2024. She was known by all for her God-given piano talent which could light up any room, and for her generous, grateful spirit which continued until her final earthly breath at the age of 107. She and Carl loved creating special musically themed programs first while living at Summit Place in Eden Prairie; and then Miriam did the same for the many years she lived at Augustana Apartments, Minneapolis, both before and after Carl's death in 2011 - where all knew her simply as the gracious and talented "Mim." The family would like to thank the amazing staff of Sunrise of Edina where Miriam spent the last year of her life, as well as the dedicated staff of Ecumen Hospice, for their loving and wonderful care. A Memorial Service will be held on January 24, 2025 at 11:00 AM at Normandale Lutheran Church in Edina, Minnesota, preceded by Visitation at 10:00 and lunch following the service. Memorials are preferred to be designated for the Normandale Lutheran Church Foundation, Gustavus Library Associates or Community Emergency Service.