



## Natasha Pickrel

January 23, 2011

Pickrel, Natasha Kadick Age 88, died on January 10 encircled by her beloved children. A long- time resident of the Twin Cities, she grew up in The Plains, Virginia and graduated from Mary Washington College in Fredricksburg. She earned a Master's Degree, embarked on a Ph.D. and taught Russian in the Slavic Languages Department at the University of Minnesota, all while raising four children. She later taught courses at the Minnesota Business College and after she retired she read books to be recorded for the blind and assisted Russian immigrants. She was known as a sharp wit, a dedicated friend, an expert grammarian and a lover of literature and travel. Her husband, Luther Pickrel, was a veteran of World War II and Associate Dean of the Graduate School of the University of Minnesota. She is survived by her four loving children: Patricia Pickrel of Princeton, NJ; James Pickrel, of Berkeley, CA; Natasha Poppe of St. Paul, and Steven Pickrel of Minneapolis, and her four adored grandchildren: Andrew and Daniel Gentile and Elizabeth and Marina Pickrel. A celebration of her life by those whom she touched will take place on February 19 at 11 a.m. at the University Club of St. Paul. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a charity dear to her, [www.GreaterDonnelly.com](http://www.GreaterDonnelly.com), Doctors Without Borders, or a charity of the donor's choice. Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996