



## Norma V. Johnson

March 31, 1921 - January 15, 2010

Age 88 - Born in St. Paul, MN Norma's family loved and cared for her daily and were beside her when she peacefully passed away at home. Proceeded in death by loving husband Marshall F. Johnson after 62 happy years of marriage, and sons Kent and Ross Johnson. Survived by twin sister Dorothy Harty, daughters Robin (David) Hopkins, Renee (Miles) Beck, three grandchildren Brian (Allison) Hopkins, Jeanette Hopkins, Christine (Gordy) Morrison, five great-grandchildren Josh, Aly, Mady, James, Lily Anne. Also survived by nieces and nephews Gibbs Lukoskie (Faye), Joan Drewlo (Jerry), Lynn Kroona (Dave), Gregg Lukoskie (Jane), the Weir's and Dosh's and many friends. Norma worked as a bank teller in accounting before going into various businesses. She and her sister built and managed the NORDOT Inn for over-the-road truckers in the 1960's which they later converted into the Twin Town Treatment Center - the first privately owned, free standing JCAH accredited treatment center. Norma and her twin sister (Dot Harty) built and managed the Holiday Inn in Roseville now the Radisson Inn. Their hotel won many awards in the 70's and 80's including "The Torch Bearer award" for the top 10 Inns out of 1700 Holiday Inns World Wide. The twins being huge Viking fans purchased 300 season tickets every year and had offered overnight Viking packages that included 2 meals and transportation to and from the game. She and her sister also built and managed the Oakcrest Office Plaza in Roseville and retired from the business in 1984. Norma and Dot came out of retirement in 2007 when they were 86 years old by designing the cards and developing

the game "American Hand-n-Foot". As Norma puts it, "it kept us out of mischief for a year". Norma always said "Enthusiasm was instant energy; she had plenty of that even into her senior years. Norma was a great Viking fan even at 88. She would put on her Viking shirt while watching the game sipping from her Viking coffee mug. She loved God and her family dearly, they were her life. Norma used to write poems - beautiful, heartfelt poems - here is one of the last poems she wrote: I await you Dear Lord I wait without fear I await Dear Jesus For you to draw me near You have been so good to me All through the years My time on earth Is over, it appears I am ready and waiting For you to appear I am awed by the thought That you soon will be here Take me Lord With all my sin Forgive me Master Now let my new life begin

Celebration Service Tuesday 6 PM with visitation 3-6 PM at the HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL FUNERAL HOME; 515 W. Hwy 96 at Mackubin, Shoreview.