



Pearl (Verla) Miller

July 18, 2010

Miller, Pearl (Verla) Dobel Beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and dear friend, Pearl died at the age of 84 on July 15, 2010 after a recurrent battle with breast cancer. She was preceded in death by her parents, Amiel T. and Claudina K. Dobel; brothers, Richard and Elmer; sisters, Estella and Alice. Pearl was born on February 18, 1926 on her family's farm near Elk River, MN and graduated as valedictorian from Elk River HS. She met her husband, Merrill at Hamline University, from which she graduated in 1948 with a BA in social work. She served as a social worker in Blue Earth and Ramsey counties and then raised 4 children. Pearl worked in the Bloomington Public Schools from 1967 until she retired from the office of special education. She also served as organist in numerous churches, including Hillcrest UMC for 23 years. In retirement, Pearl pursued her love of travel and genealogy, volunteer work at Hillcrest and Time of Our Lives TV show and served on the Hamline University Alumni Board. A faithful member of Hillcrest Church, Pearl initiated capital funding for a pipe organ and hand bells, served on numerous committees and sang in the choir. Pearl is survived by her husband of 61 years, Merrill; children, John Miller, Nancy Miller (Stephen Wietgreffe), Patricia Paggett (Glen) and David Miller (Stacia); grandchildren, John Weiser (Sara), Liesl Klopp-Miller, Eric, Amy, and Brian Wietgreffe, Kelsey, Meghan and Michael Jones, Corey Chartrand, Nathaniel, Autumn, Noah and Elizabeth Miller; nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of dear friends. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred. Interment Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Funeral

service Tuesday, July 20, 11 AM at Hillcrest UMC, 9100 Russell Ave S,
Bloomington. Visitation 1 hour prior to the service at the church and Monday,
July 19, 5-8 PM at: Washburn-McReavy Werness Brothers Chapel 2300 W
Old Shakopee Rd 952-884-8145