



## Peggy Lou Clemens

June 20, 1918 - March 22, 2012

(nee Hadsell) Loving Wife, Mother, Sister, Aunt Age 93, of Vadnais Heights, formerly of St. Paul. Died March 22, 2012, loved and surrounded by family. Survived by daughter Linda, Shoreview; brother Neal Hadsell, Nixa, Missouri; sister-in-law Rosemary Carol Brotzler of St. Paul; many nieces and nephews; and neighbors and friends. Born June 20, 1918, in Texas County, Oklahoma. Predeceased by husband and best friend of 65 years, Theodore A. (Ted); parents Henry M. and Della M. (Hatfield) Hadsell; sister Doris Van de Car; brothers Eugene, Horace, and Henry; and aunts, uncles, nephews, and cousins. Peggy sang in high school choirs, played the piano, played basketball, and studied-graduating from high school as valedictorian. She graduated from Panhandle Agricultural and Mechanical College (now Oklahoma Panhandle State University) and taught in Balko, Oklahoma, and in Minneola, Kansas. Many years later, Peggy worked at NSP and then Minnesota Mutual in St. Paul. While teaching in Minneola, Peggy met Army Air Corps pilot (and Afton, MN, native) Ted Clemens, who was stationed in Liberal, Kansas; after his return from piloting World War II missions from England, they married on February 26, 1945. In St. Paul, Peggy was a homemaker and community volunteer for many years. She was active as a room mother and in the Como Park Elementary PTA and Mother Singers. At Central Park Methodist Church, she participated in circles, taught Sunday School, and volunteered at various church activities; later as a member of St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, Peggy continued to participate in and

value her church community. Peggy accepted the challenge of becoming a leader of Linda's Blue Bird and Camp Fire groups. She courageously led the girls at weekly meetings, and took them on overnight trips at Camp Lokinda and Camp Hugo-helping them learn how to cook over camp fires, appreciate nature, and get a little bit of sleep despite their excitement at being in the "wilderness." She participated with energy and a sense of humor in family vacations-including to the Florida Keys for camping, swimming, and coexisting with very tiny green frogs, and northern Minnesota for camping, fishing, hiking, wild blueberry picking, and bear dodging. Peggy was ready for early morning fishing expeditions-and reluctant to leave the lake in the evening, certain that the lunker would bite if she stayed just 5 more minutes. She, Ted, and Linda spent many hours fishing, swimming, and boating on the St. Croix River. After retiring, Peggy and Ted enjoyed extended vacations in the Florida Keys and other regions of the US. With her family, she attended many concerts at the Ordway and Orchestra Hall. Peggy faced increasingly difficult health problems as the years passed-but she kept smiling. Although we miss her terribly, we are grateful to know that she has moved beyond the pain. Visitation 5-7PM Tuesday, March 27 and funeral service 12:30PM Wednesday, March 28 (visitation begins at 11:30AM) at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL, 515 Highway 96 at Mackubin, Shoreview. Interment Roselawn Cemetery. Reception will follow at the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I remember and love you every day and every Mother's Day.* ”



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**Linda** - May 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Linda words cannot express my sympathy for you. I do understand how it feel to lose a parent and wish I can take away the lost feeling , but it will get better. My paryers are with you.* ”

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**Erine James** - March 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM