



Phyllis Muriel (Ireland) Wikoff

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Phyllis Muriel (Ireland) Wikoff, age 96, passed away peacefully Saturday, June 10, 2017 in New Richmond WI. She was born July 2nd 1920 in Waukeegan IL. Her family moved to Lakeville MN and then to Minneapolis MN, where she lived until she graduated from the U of MN with a degree in Social Work and then married Wally Wikoff on June 20, 1942. Her husband's work took them to Cairo IL, Madison WI, Albert Lea MN and St Paul MN. Before moving to WI in August, she lived for 28 years at Becketwood Cooperative in Minneapolis.

When Wally was working for the Wisconsin State Journal in Madison, WI, Phyllis spent many years as the volunteer Director of the newspaper's Empty Stocking Club which is very much like Toys for Tots. After her children were grown, she worked as the Manager of Hamline University Book Store, as a church organist, and at Ramsey County Social Services, from which she retired.

Phyl and Wally enjoyed spending much of their summers at the family cabin her father built at Cross Lake. She loved music, especially playing the piano, and had her piano with her until the end.

She is survived by her 3 children: son Lee (Sherry) of Edina, MN, daughter Sharon Shou of Camarillo, CA, and daughter Kay Brooks (Jim) of New Richmond, WI; 6 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; brother Robert Ireland

(Luba); sister Patricia McGrail and many cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, LeRoy H and Florence (Werner) Ireland; her husband of 73 years; son-in-law, James Kouping Shou; and granddaughter, Ashley Brooks-Danso.

In accordance with her wishes, no memorial service is planned and there will be a private interment of her ashes. Memorials to donor's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *I didn't get to see Aunt Phyl in her later years. But she was kind and she was brilliant. She went to the U of MN at 14. My Mother, (her sister-in-law) described her as intense with a very good heart. She was always sweet to me. And she was always on top of things going on in the world and around her. She cared about important things. Thank you Aunt Phyl, Rest in peace. Kathleen Ireland*

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