



Rita M (Gillen) Franke

August 23, 2018

Franke, Rita M. (Gillen) Age 99, of Bloomington, entered peacefully into eternal life after a brief illness on Aug. 23, 2018 at Presbyterian Homes of Bloomington, where she had lived for 31 years. Rita grew up on a farm outside of Faribault, MN, the fourth of ten children of Sebastian and Cecelia Gillen. She married William August Franke in 1947. The family resided in St. Louis Park and Golden Valley. Rita was a loving and beloved wife, mother, sister and friend. She was a wonderful homemaker who enjoyed baking, sewing, and gardening, and she relished playing cards, bowling and golf as well as following the Twins. Rita was an active parishioner at the Church of St. Edward in Bloomington, where she was a member and assistant leader in Young at Heart and the funeral choir. She was also active in her community as a volunteer leader of the bridge group at Creekside Community Center and also at Presbyterian Homes where she worked with a group that produced recycled greeting cards for sale in the gift shop. Rita always loved family and family activities and was always there to help. Preceded in death by husband, Bill; her brothers, John, Ambrose, Greg, Joseph, Edward and sister, Ann. She is survived by her children, Kathy, Bill (Leah), Don and Ron; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; brother, Adrian; sisters, Luella and Joanne, many nieces and nephews. Rita will be missed by her family, friends and everyone touched by her generosity. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to the Church of St. Edward or the MS Society, Upper Midwest Chapter. Mass of Christian Burial, Thursday, Aug. 30 10AM at St. Edward's Catholic Church,

9401 Nesbitt Ave S., Bloomington. Visitation 1 hour prior to mass at the church and also Wed., Aug. 29 5-8pm at: Washburn-McReavy.com Werness Brothers 952-884-8145 2300 W. Old Shakopee Rd.

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“ *My sincere condolences go to the family for the loss of their dear loved one. I would like to share a Comforting thought from the bible found at Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and your mental powers by means of Christ Jesus.* 🌹

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