



Rita Oyaas

September 19, 2005

Oyaas Rita Mary (nee O'Brien) of Minneapolis, born February 7, 1922, passed away Friday, September 16. Preceded in death by husband, Harvey T. Oyaas; father, Peter J. O'Brien; mother, Esther Silk O'Brien; sister, Katherine "Kitty" O'Brien Murphy (James d.); brothers, Robert J. "Bob" O'Brien, John P. "Jack" O'Brien and Mark J. O'Brien. Survived by loving family, sons, Mark J. Oyaas (Joan) and John T. Oyaas (Lisa); daughter, Marianne Oyaas (Roland Rivard); grandchildren, Olivia Rivard, Andrew, Sean, Patricia and Emily Oyaas; sisters, Jane McCoy (Vincent d.), Mary Claire O'Brien, Dorothy Fink (James) and Susan Lindgren (Charles); sister-in-law, Carmen O'Brien and many loving Murphy, McCoy, O'Brien and Lindgren nieces and nephews. Rita, a graduate of North High School, worked in the public sector for much of her career. She was among the original employees of Minneapolis/ Hennepin County Civil Defense. She retired from the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board in 1989, after serving as the Superintendent's secretary and recording secretary for the Board for more than 15 years. It was a job she loved; she carried a deep respect for the Parks system and the people who make it go through the rest of her days. A special thanks to the wonderful caregivers at Walker Elder Suites and Heartland Hospice. They are witness to God's mercy and proof that we never walk alone. Memorials may be sent to the Foundation for Minneapolis Parks, 2117 West River Road, Minneapolis, MN 55411. Mass of Christian Burial at Basilica of St. Mary, St. Joseph's Chapel in the Undercroft, Minneapolis, Tuesday, 10:30 am with visitation one hour prior. Interment Fort

Snelling National Cemetery. Visitation also TODAY 5-8pm with vigil prayer service at 7pm at: Washburn-McReavy Davies Chapel 23rd at Hennepin Ave.
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