



Ruby Reine

November 25, 2004

Reine Ruby Lucille Reine, age 85, of Bloomington, MN, formerly of Robbinsdale and Crystal, passed away Sunday, November 21, 2004. Born in Petersburg, Alaska, September 30, 1919, she was the first of 5 children born to missionaries, Rev. Alfred and Mabel Swanson. Ruby attended North Central Bible College in Minneapolis, MN. In 1945, Ruby married Raymond T. Reine, a young Assemblies of God evangelist. They raised eleven children while serving churches as a pastor in Cloquet, MN, Valley City, ND, Pillager, Paynesville, Stillwater and Minneapolis, MN. Ruby was the ideal partner for Ray as they worked side-by-side for the betterment of others. Their sacrificial caring touched many lives throughout the years. Together they had a radio and TV ministry along with recording Gospel song albums. As a homemaker, Ruby excelled. Saturday baking and Sunday dinner were enjoyed by her family and frequent guests. She loved to read, and her ability to sew, knit and embroider for loved ones brought her contentment. She was proud of her family and her dedication to them was a source of joy. In 1987, she was selected as Minnesota Mother of the Year. She traveled nationally and locally as a public speaker serving as a role model and encourager to other mothers. Ruby never stopped learning and at age 70, she took up the art of porcelain doll making. Preceded in death by husband, Rev. Raymond T. Reine; brother, Donny Swanson; and granddaughter, Rachel. Survived by 11 children, Faith (Rev. Phil) Shaw of Rochester, MN, Constance of Mpls., Thomas (Vanessa) of Roan Mountain, TN, Hope (Dr. Gordon) Johnson of Edina, Rebecca (Dr.

Greg) Cutlan of Stillwater, Rev. Jonathan (Arlys) of Robbinsdale, Charity (Mark) Bradseth of Eden Prairie, James (Terry) of Edina, Lynnea of Robbinsdale, Jane (Steve) Ristola of Robbinsdale, Mary Jo (Jon) Barnett of Edina; 22 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; brother, Reuben Swanson of Bloomington; sisters, Hope (Ed) Marsh of Waukeegan, Il and Mary Beth Swanson of Aitkin, MN; many nieces, and nephews and dear friends. Her family and friends, old and new, will remember her for her selfless giving, kindness, wit, steadfastness and strength. Ruby will be deeply missed. Funeral service will be held Saturday, November 27 at 12 noon at Cedar Valley Church, 8600 Bloomington Ave. S., Bloomington, MN. Visitation one hour prior to the service and also on Friday, November 26 from 4-8 PM at the Church. Interment Glen Haven Memorial Gardens. Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996