



## Ruth Hanold

January 15, 2011

Hanold, Ruth E. Ruth Lorraine Evarts died December 31, 2010. She was born at home in Omaha, Nebraska 10 August 1914, the third of four children born to Harold C. and Lorraine (Comstock) Evarts. She spent her early years in Omaha, attended Dundee Elementary School and Central High School for one year before her family moved to Minneapolis in 1928. She graduated from Washburn High School in June, 1931, a member of the National Honor Society. While in high school, Ruth was an avid member of Campfire Girls, G.A.A. (Girls Athletic Association), Silver Tri, Girls' W Club, and received a letter for participating on the Warpathians, the women's archery club, serving as an officer. Since her mother thought her too young to attend college as a seventeen-year-old, Ruth attended classes at Washburn for an additional year as a post-graduate. Ruth enrolled at the University of Minnesota in 1932, and graduated in 1936 with a Bachelor of Science degree from the Department of Medicine where she completed the course of study for Medical Technologist. She was also a member of Delta Gamma sorority. She was employed by Dr. Cecil J. Watson as a research assistant and continued in that position until 1939, when she married Terrance Hanold on 17 June 1939 at Plymouth Congregational Church, Minneapolis. While Ruth was no longer employed "outside the home", she was definitely employed within the home as mother of a growing family, and at the same time maintained the friendships she developed while at the University and as a member of the AAUW. One of her biggest thrills came in 1947 when she convinced Terry to purchase their first

car, a 4-door Kaiser sedan. She loved driving and it gave her immense pleasure until diminishing eyesight forced her to turn in her keys in her late 80s. Ruth served as den mother for several Cub Scout sons, and gave her time and support to several institutions including Plymouth Congregational Church, Minnesota Orchestra, Minnesota Medical Foundation, Delta Gamma sorority. Ruth enjoyed being a member of the Plymouth Needlers. She became interested in genealogy and made several research trips with Terry. Her meticulous notes and research methods reflected her med tech background. As the family grew and left home, Ruth was able to travel with Terry, becoming especially interested in the history and archeology of early peoples in the American Southwest. She had time to play tennis on a regular basis, and enjoyed playing well into her 80s. She loved being physically as well as mentally active; she enjoyed music, theater, gardening, hiking, reading, skiing and trips to Lutsen on the North Shore. She loved being with her grandchildren and with her many friends. When she could no longer play tennis, she joined the Putters club that met at the Minnekahda Club and perfected her putting game. Her interest in medicine remained constant throughout her life, especially research in the field of macular degeneration, from which she suffered for many years. At the age of 90, Ruth moved to Friendship Village in Bloomington where she reunited with friends from long ago and made many new friends. Ruth is predeceased by her husband Terry, her parents, two sisters and a brother. She is survived by her eight children and families, Ruth (Doug) Crane, Northfield; John (Pam) Hanold, Turners Falls, Massachusetts; Robert (Sally) Hanold, Plymouth, Massachusetts; Dena Hanold (Holman Carter), Playa del Carmen, Mexico; Tom Hanold (Marnie Bolstad), Sharon, Massachusetts; David (Marion) Hanold, Glencoe, Illinois; Lee (Satri) Hanold, Edina; Dennis Hanold, St. Paul; sixteen grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held Sunday, Jan. 16, 2011 at 3 PM at Plymouth Congregational Church, 1900 Nicollet, Minneapolis with visitation 1 hour before services. Memorials to the Hanold Scholarship Fund at the University

of Minnesota, Plymouth Congregational Church, Friendship Village Employee  
Appreciation Fund, and Fairview Hospice. Washburn-McReavy Davies Chapel  
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