



Shirlee Ruttger Bates

February 11, 1928 - May 11, 2019

Age 91 of Shoreview, formerly of North Oaks

Passed away on Saturday, May 11. Shirlee was born in Crosby, MN to Ed and Eva Ruttger. She graduated from Brainerd High School in 1946 and from Hamline University in 1950. Her lifetime dedication to volunteering began in high school with the Civil Air Patrol and later with Ramsey Hospital and local schools. Shirlee had a life-long love of Minnesota History and the Bay Lake Area. Following her graduation from college, Shirlee was Hamline's first female Admissions Representative. Hamline was also where she met her husband Sam, where he also worked. What Shirlee truly loved was spending time with family and being a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother.

Preceded in death by her infant daughter, Julie; parents; her husband of 56 years, Sam; and brothers, Ray and David.

Survived by daughters, Becky Bates and Melanie (Rick) Hjelm; grandchildren, Lindsey and Samuel Hjelm, and Emily Bates; many loving relatives and friends.

Memorial Service 5:00 PM, Friday May 17 at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL Funeral Home, 515 Hwy 96 W., Shoreview, (visitation 3:00 - 5:00 PM). The family wishes to thank Chris Allen's Northern Stars Team and H.P. Hospice Team 6.

Memorials preferred to Alzheimer's Association, Union Gospel Mission or The Salvation Army.

Tribute Wall

DF

“ So sorry I was not able to attend your mother's service. I worked with Sam at 3M and I think it was in 1975 that I first met Shirlee at company events. I send my condolences.



Diane Follmer - May 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Our condolences to you and your family on the passing of your mother. May our friendship and prayers ease you through this difficult time.

Susan and Trace Goudreau - May 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Dear Family of Mrs. Bates, I am so sorry for your loss. May God's promise bring you comfort. There will be "a new earth... and He will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore...I am making all things new." Revelation 21:1-5

D. Hetrick - May 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM