



Verna B. Schmiess

March 2, 1927 - September 18, 2016

Verna Warwick Schmiess

Age 89, of New Brighton, Minn., and long-time resident of Alsen and Langdon, N.D., passed peacefully into glory on September 18, 2016 in St. Paul.

Survived by husband of 70 years, Henry, and children Nola (Dennis) Port, Lauren (Sheryl) Schmiess, Steven (Debbie) Schmiess, and Holly (Michael) Donato, along with 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Born Verna Belle Anne Warwick in Hannah, N.D. on March 2, 1927, Verna was preceded in death by parents Leonard and Carrie Warwick and three siblings. In school at Hannah, she excelled in oratory and music. After marrying Henry in 1946 and moving to a farm near Alsen, N.D., Verna served as a piano teacher, church organist, and choral director in the area for 50 years. She loved good literature and classical radio, and was an excellent writer. In 1980, Henry and Verna moved to Langdon, N.D., where she worked for a time as secretary and newsletter editor at Maple Manor nursing home. In 2002, the couple moved to New Brighton, Minn., to be near their children. Verna loved Jesus Christ and her wide circle of friends and family. She was a gracious, wise, and talented woman who will be dearly missed. Memorial service 10 a.m., Saturday, September 24, at Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapel in New Brighton, Minn. with a later service planned in Langdon, N.D. Memorials preferred to the Salvation Army. For more information, contact daughter Holly Donato at hgdonato1@gmail.com.