

Bernice Josephine Vlahakos

Age 89, passed away from this world into God's loving arms on April 6, 2010. Bernice was born July 20, 1920 to Joel Joseph Jonathan and Esther Olivia (Anderson) Lundeen. Her love of learning began early and eventually led her to the University of Minnesota, where she majored in journalism and political science. She went back later to get her degree in elementary education. She was always challenging herself. Bernice was an avid reader, soaking in information on so many subjects. Her interests were vast. She loved sports, playing board games (especially Scrabble), doing crossword puzzles and traveling. She traveled across the United States and around the world making memories wherever she went. Bernice kept a journal of her life with all its ups, downs and adventures. She was able to compile all those notes into a wonderful book titled "Browsing Through My Memories", published in December 2002.



For most of her life Bernice was a teacher, having taught at Horace Mann and Elliot Elementary schools. She was a librarian at DeLaSalle for 1 year. After retiring, Bernice, taught a journalism class in Japan. She also worked as a reporter and news editor at the radio station, KICY in Nome, Alaska. Bernice was a woman of incredible strength, kindness and generosity. But above all else she had a deep, deep faith.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Joel and Esther Lundeen; husband, Steven Peter Vlahakos; son, Steven Peter Vlahakos; brother Erle (Audrey) Lundeen; sisters, Mildred Lundeen and Loraine (Norville) Ward; niece, Rhonda Lundeen and nephew Jeff Simning.

She is survived by sister, Bev Lundeen; step-grandchildren, Tanya (Scott) and Kyla; 2 nieces, Vicky (Steve) Boutwell and Peggy Ward; 1 nephew, John (Susan) Ward; 2 grandnephews, Jason (Chasity) Boutwell their children, Caden, Tate, Ty and Ellory and Adam (Sarah) Boutwell their children, Janis, Stone and Charlotte; cousins and many friends. Also special friends, Dawn Davis and Mattie Widen.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, April 10, 2010, 1:00 PM,
Bethlehem Covenant Church, 3141-43rd Av. S., Minneapolis, Minnesota

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