



Miriam Davis

October 14, 1913 - September 24, 2005

Lois Miriam Stokes was born on October 14, 1913 in Grand Rapids to Royal and Wilma (Chase) Stokes, and lived in Cohasset until she graduated from Grand Rapids High School in 1931. She attended Macalester College in St. Paul where she met Luther Davis of Wadena. They were married on Sept. 29, 1935, and lived in Minneapolis until Luther finished medical school at the University of Minnesota. They moved to Wadena in 1938, where Dr. Davis became associated with the Davis Clinic. During WWII, he joined the Army and the family lived with him for the duration of the war in the western states. After the war they returned to Wadena and lived there until he dissolved the Davis Clinic in 1973. They moved to Fargo for one year when Dr. Davis joined the staff at the VA Hospital. The following 14 years they lived in Arizona and spent four summers in Alexandria from 1984 to 1988. After the death of her husband, Miriam continued to make her home in Alexandria at Pebble Beach, the Galaxy, Nelson Gables and the Knute Nelson Memorial Home. She was a member of the United Church of Christ-First Congregational Church in Alexandria. In Wadena she was active in Ladies Aid, was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and The Order of the Eastern Star. In Alexandria, she continued with church work and volunteered at Knute Nelson Memorial Home. Her interests included the observation and sharing with others the life cycle of Monarch butterflies, gardening, bee keeping, knitting and crocheting. She also loved to play golf, bridge and was a fan of the Minnesota Twins. She was preceded in death by her husband Luther, one infant brother and one

infant great-granddaughter. She is survived by seven children; daughters Dianne (Charles) Phillips of Cambridge, Nancy (Malcolm) McKay of Rochester, Deborah (Eugene) Jansen of Loveland, CO, Miriam "Mimzy" (Michael) Lynne of Minneapolis; sons Luther, Jr. (Susan) of Fort Myers, FL, Kim (Sandy) of Alexandria and Jim (Amy) of Grand Rapids; 16 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; brother Robert Stokes of Grand Rapids. Burial will take place in the Wadena Cemetery following the services.

Tribute Wall

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“ Louise Hulting called me to tell me about Miriam's death. I hadn't seen Miriam in many years, but I have fond memories of knowing her at the Congregational church in Wadena so she remains a young mother in my mind. She and Dr. Luther were such a devoted couple. The kids were all fun to know. I remember Pilgrim Fellowship meetings in the lower level of the church where we played circle games, ate a lunch and learned something about the faith of our fathers. I'm glad I knew the entire Davis family. Miriam was a wonderful woman.

Mary Ellen Kennedy Kollodge - September 24, 2005 at 12:00 AM