



Geraine L. Ryan

June 29, 1921 - July 16, 2018

Geraine Lois Ryan, a lifelong resident of Little Falls, died Monday, July 16, at the age of 97 at Highland Senior Living in Little Falls, MN. A private family service is being planned at a later date.

Geraine was born June 29, 1921, in Little Falls to Lee and Geneva Cameron. She is survived by her three daughters: Geraine Burrows and husband Ross of Oklahoma City and her sons, Ryan Schafer and wife Jen of Victoria, MN (children Gabriella, Michaela, Gavin, and Samuel), and Roland Schafer and wife Jenny of Ft. Worth, TX (children Eleanor and Emily); Sally Riitters of Little Falls and Sarasota, Florida and husband Jon; Holly Ryan of Little Falls. After high school, Geraine attended the University of Minnesota where she graduated from the new School of Dental Hygiene in 1943. Two years later she married her former co-editor of the Little Falls High School newspaper, Loiel (Pete) Ryan. They lived in Minneapolis during the war years. In 1949 they returned to Little Falls where they lived for the rest of their lives. Geraine dearly loved the house they built along the Mississippi on old Riverwood, and she lived there until just three years ago. The next three generations all loved being there too; it was truly a home to them all.

Reading, gardening and classical music were central to Geraine's life. Her children and grandchildren followed her example in many ways and their lives were immeasurably enriched. Geraine and Loiel always loved to travel. They

took their children all over the United States not only for pleasure but to teach them to appreciate the larger world. After retirement, they traveled abroad for many years. Geraine was a member and supporter of the United Methodist Church which became the First United Church in Little Falls.

Geraine was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Loiel, and two older sisters, Irene Cameron Stageberg and Inez Cameron Severson.

The private interment will be at Oakland Cemetery. The family suggests memorials be directed to the Carnegie Library of Little Falls.

Tribute Wall



“ *Geraine L. Ryan*

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