

LuVerne "Lu" H. Neils, 92
Sauk Rapids, MN
April 12, 1925 - Nov. 8, 2017



Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Nov. 13 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sauk Rapids for LuVerne "Lu" Helen Neils, age 92, who passed away Wednesday at Shorehaven in Oconomowoc, Wis. Pastor David Hinz officiated and burial was in the church cemetery. Visitation began at 11 a.m. with a meal and time of remembrance at 12:30 p.m. Arrangements have been entrusted to Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in Sauk Rapids.

LuVerne "Lu" Neils was born April 12, 1925, in Waite Park to Peter and Natalie (Ehrlichman) Rausch. Lu had wonderful and resourceful parents who provided for her spiritual upbringing and were most responsible for giving her the loving and enriching environment that made Lu the special daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend she was. She graduated from St. Cloud Tech High School and furthered her education at the St. Cloud Business School. Lu worked at Guaranty State Bank in St. Cloud. At that time she was introduced to Vernon Neils by Vernon's brother, Reinhard. After a year or so of dating they were engaged.

She married Dr. Vernon Neils on September 14, 1947, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in

St. Cloud. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and very dedicated to the Lord. She was a member of the Ladies Aid and choir, and a Bible study leader. Lu was also a former member of the Aristonian Club, was Sauk Rapids' Citizen of the Year, a Girl Scout leader and Den Mother. She enjoyed dancing, music, playing piano, giggling, drawing and was an excellent cook. Lu was an independent woman and had many international adventures with Vernon. With her great sense of humor, Lu made everyone smile and feel at ease. She was a delight to be with, always thinking of others, and very loving to children and babies. She was very supportive of family and all they did, had a strong sense of value, and was a very beautiful woman inside and out.

Lu was beloved by her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, many of whom live out her legacy through their love of choral music, community leadership and silliness. Some are lucky enough to have her delightful dimple.

Lu is survived by her husband, Vern of Sauk Rapids; children, Dr. Richard (Jill) Neils of Oconomowoc, Wis., Dr. Kenneth (Charlene) Neils of Manhattan, Kan., Carol (Jon) Copeland of Sauk Rapids, Mary (John) Ederer of Chanhassen, and Judith Neils Quick (Thomas) of Des Moines, Iowa; grandchildren, Elizabeth, Paul, Peter, Ashley, Andrew, Natalie, Ross, Lauren, Ben, Emily, Hans, Maddie and Niles; and great grandchildren, Paul, Anders, Quin, Aaron, Lauren, George, Julius, Jonna Lu, Liam, Heidi, and Cooper. She was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Ervin Rausch.

Memorials are preferred to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Obituary, guestbook and video tribute available online at <http://www.williamsdingmann.com>.