Gladys M Emanuel

Gladys Mae Erickson Emanuel, 94, of Winona, died May 28, 2013 at Adith Miller Manor, where she resided for five years. Gladys was born Oct. 24, 1918, to Douglas and Louise (Einsweiler) Erickson, in Chisholm, Minn. She lived in Winona for 64 years.

Gladys graduated from Chisholm High School in 1936. She attended Duluth State Teachers College where she was a cheerleader, and where she met her future husband, Joseph Emanuel, of Keewatin, Minn. In 1940, Gladys graduated from Duluth with a degree in history and certification to teach elementary and high school. In fall 1940, she began teaching grade school in Cromwell, Minnesota. Gladys was married June 12, 1943, in Paris, Texas, near Camp Maxey, where Joe was stationed with the army prior to service in Europe during World War II. Gladys was fond of saying that she and Joe were married in Paris. The couple remained married and in love for 64 years.

In 1947, Gladys moved to Havre, Mont., where Joe taught at Northern Montana College. Her son Douglas was born there in 1948. The next year, the family moved to Winona, where Gladys’ sister, Annabelle Korda, lived. Joe taught biology at Winona State College, later Winona State University, for 33 years. Gladys became a strong Winona State booster. She had three more sons and was a devoted mother of four boys, all raised in Winona. Gladys joined Central United Methodist Church, now Wesley United Methodist, in 1949. She was active for many years in the congregation’s morning circle service group, as well as the funeral committee. Joe was Catholic, but the couple often worked together on fundraisers for the Methodist church, including the popular, annual Lumberjack Stew. Gladys also worked on her church’s Christmas cookie sales and in other capacities. Her faith and her church were always a vital part of Gladys’ life. Gladys did substitute teaching in Winona public schools and worked seasonally at Choate’s department store for many years. Beginning in 1954, she was a member of PEO. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for more than forty years. Gladys and Joe were active in retired faculty groups at Winona State, where they established a scholarship for WSU biology students. Gladys and Joe were honored with induction into the WSU Medallion Society for long-time service and support.

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Gladys had a sunny personality and was a loyal friend. Throughout her long life, she loved people and made friends easily. She loved music, having learned hymns, popular songs and patriotic songs from World War I at her father’s side. Gladys is survived by her sons, Douglas Emanuel of Winona; Richard Emanuel, daughter-in-law Julie Dumoulin and granddaughter Nicole Emanuel of Anchorage, Alaska; Donald Emanuel of Great Falls, Mont., grandson Andrew and grand-daughter-in-law Jessica Emanuel of Livingston, Mont.; Dean, daughter-in-law Heidi and granddaughter Alyse Emanuel, of Minneapolis; sister Annabelle Korda, of Northfield, Minn.; also nieces and cousins. Gladys was preceded in death by her husband and parents, her brother Douglas Erickson, Jr., brother-in-law Lawrence Korda, and niece Joy Korda Schaeffer. Services to remember Gladys will be 10:30 AM Saturday, June 1, 2013 at Wesley United Methodist Church, Winona with Rev. Dale Arendt officiating. Interment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery, Winona, MN. Visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:00 PM Friday, May 31, 2013 at Fawcett-Junker Funeral Home, Winona and at the church on
Saturday beginning at 9:30 AM.

Donations in memory of Gladys are welcome to the Joe and Gladys Emanuel Scholarship Fund for biology students at Winona State University, or to Winona Health Hospice. The family extends grateful thanks to the staff of Adith Miller Manor, at Winona Health, for exceptionally compassionate care of Gladys since 2008, and to the staff of Winona Health Hospice for humane, supportive care during Gladys' final illness.

Services entrusted to Fawcett-Junker Funeral Home, Winona. Words of sympathy and remembrance may be left at www.fawcett-junkerfuneralhome.com.