

## **Vivian Gene (Hendren) Morgan**

April 8, 1924 — Aug. 11, 2009

Vivian Gene (Hendren) Morgan, 85, of 1453 Sunny Ridge Road, Winona, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2009, at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester.

Vivian was born April 8, 1924, at Watertown, S.D., to James and Hazel (Gordon) Hendren. She met Leo Morgan at Portland, Ore., where Vivian and Leo built Liberty Ships for the World War II war effort.

Vivian and Leo were married Sept. 11, 1944, at Pillager, Minn. They lived in Hopkins, Minn., prior to moving to Winona in 1968. They also own a lake home at Nisswa, Minn., where they were anticipating their 65th upcoming wedding anniversary.

Vivian received her bachelor of business degree from WSU in 1972 and her masters of business from WSU in 1976.

Vivian was an instructor at Winona Technical College where she helped to develop the medical secretary program.

Her hobbies included traveling out west, going to casinos, scrap-booking, collecting and gardening.

A large part of Vivian's life was caring about her children and grandchildren. She remained very close to her siblings and extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Vivian is survived by her husband, Leo Morgan Sr.; son, Leo Morgan Jr. of Bemidji, Minn.; daughter, Mitzi (Paul) Girtler of Winona; five grandchildren, Marianne Morgan, Shane Morgan, Ryan (Bethany) Girtler, Shawnie Girtler and Michelle Morgan; four siblings, Nellie (Hank) Gartzke of Brookings, Ore., June (Bob) Stemwedel of Clear Lake, S.D., Sharyn Keyser of Las Vegas, and Colin (Darlene) Hendren of Eugene, Ore.; two sisters-in-law, Dorothy (Richard) Armstrong of Soldotna, Alaska, and Lois (Myron) Sandberg of Cushing, Minn.; numerous nieces and nephews; and close friends, Helen and Dick Keiper.

Funeral services will be held today at 2 p.m. at Martin-Myhre Funeral Chapel with Rev. Jeff Franko of Central Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Visitation will be held today after 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Casket bearers will be Michelle Morgan, Shane Morgan, Ryan Girtler and Shawnie Girtler.