

Harriet Nordholm Dec. 7, 1912 - Jan. 23, 2003



Nordholm, Harriet
MADISON - Harriet Nordholm, age 90, passed away Thursday, Jan. 23, 2003. She was born in Red Wing, Minn., Dec. 7, 1912, the daughter of Harry N. and Margretha V. Nordholm. After graduating from Red Wing High School, she completed her undergraduate work at MacPhail College and the University of Minnesota. Her graduate studies were completed at Northwestern University. She was a music educator all of her life, having taught public school music in Minnesota. She continued her music career at the college level, concluding her career as professor and chairperson of the Department of Music Education, University of Miami. She was a noted author or co-author of journal articles and books devoted to music education. Harriet was elected president of the Minnesota Music Educators Association. She also served as president of the Music Educators' National Association, North Central Division, and held memberships in numerous music societies. The Minnesota Music Educators Association established a Hall of Fame in 1988, naming Harriet Nordholm as its first inductee. She was currently a member of Midvale Community Lutheran Church and a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. She was elected to the executive board, Florida State Chapter, P.E.O., serving as Florida state president in 1977-1978. She was currently a member of chapter BL, Madison. Harriet was active in the affairs of Oakwood Village, where she

resided. Her interests were many and varied: she traveled throughout the world, and she enjoyed continued contact with family, friends and former students. Her greatest joy was that of music as a student, performer, teacher and consumer. Madison became Harriet's home when she moved in 1990 from Florida to be near her beloved family: niece, Ann Nelson (Dr. David), Stoughton; great-nieces and great-nephews, Katherine Koester (Todd), Minneapolis, and Nathanael Nelson, Chicago; godson, Andrew Nelson (Karen), Osseo, Rachel Ross (Tony), Minneapolis, Jennifer Kersten (Greg), Milton, and Daniel Roethe, Janesville; great-great-nieces, Anna, Maren, Ingrid, Taylor and Tory; nephew-in-law, John Roethe (Jann), Edgerton; and cousins, Richard Nordholm (Ann), Marjory Saunders (Barry), Joel Nordholm and Elaine Leighton. Preceding Harriet in death were her parents; her brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Vincent and Florence Nordholm; and niece, Kristen Roethe. A celebration of Harriet's life will be held in the RESURRECTION CHAPEL, 6201 Mineral Point Road, on Monday, Jan. 27, 2003, at 11 a.m. Pastor Blake Rohrer and Chaplain Clyde Carleton will preside. Burial will take place in Riverside Cemetery, Stoughton. The family expresses sincere appreciation to the Oakwood staff for their loving, competent care, to the clergy and to Midvale Church members. Memorials may be made to the Oakwood Foundation, Coney College, P.E.O. or Midvale Lutheran church.