



## Delores Ann (Brown) Shank

October 15, 1912 - December 2, 2013

Delores Ann (Brown) Shank, 101 of Meadowood Retirement Community, Bloomington, Indiana, died on Monday, December 2.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 21, 10:00am at Faith Lutheran Church, Bloomington.

Delores was born October 15, 1912 in Detroit, Michigan to Carl and Bessie Cerveny Brown. An active musician from an early age, Delores was chosen as a violinist for the national high school orchestra which was made up of the best high school musicians in the country. She obtained a degree as a Laboratory Technician and worked at several Detroit area hospitals and in private practice. She married James W. Shank, February 12, 1943, whom she met while they sang in the choir at Hope Lutheran Church, Detroit.

A homemaker and musician, Delores played violin for more than 50 years in the Scandinavian Symphony Orchestra of Detroit, traveling with the orchestra to the war-torn Scandinavian countries shortly after WW II. Delores was famous for remembering family and friend's birthdays and anniversaries with cards and letters. An avid gardener, Delores enjoyed growing African Violets and vegetables

which she would harvest by the basketful for family and friends. Her special holiday treats were homemade cookies and fruitcake. Delores loved world travel and in 1998, at age 86, she went on her final trip, a cruise of the Mediterranean, with her children. Upon moving to Meadowood in 1997, Delores joined the Bloomington Symphony Orchestra, Meadowood Chorus and Faith Lutheran Church choir.

Delores was a much loved Wife, Mother, Aunt and Friend who will be sorrowfully missed by her daughter and husband Kathy and Randy Powell of Bloomington, IN, son and wife Ken and Judy Shank of Gainesville, TX, niece and husband Barbara and Loren Rozeboom of Big Canoe, GA, nephew and wife, Al and Sharon Brown of Saginaw, MI grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews.

Delores was the proverbial "Last Man Standing" as she was preceded in death by her parents, husband James, brother and sister-in-law Carl and Anita Brown, sister Bessie Brown and all her aunts, uncles and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Faith Lutheran Church or Bloomington Symphony Orchestra.

Allen Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Friends can send condolences to [www.allenfuneralhome.org](http://www.allenfuneralhome.org)

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