



## Gertrude Singer

January 28, 1920 - June 2, 2010

Gertrude R. "Trude" Singer, passed away on Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at her home for the past four years, Bell Trace Senior Living Community. Born on January 28, 1920 in Orange City, a small Dutch farming community in northwest Iowa, she attended Northwestern Junior College and graduated at the age of eighteen. She then taught in one room schools for three years in the local community, and completed her education at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She graduated with a BA in Business in 1943. During the Second World War she trained in Chicago as one of the first women air traffic controllers, and was assigned to the South Bend, Indiana airport. There she met her future husband Julius C. Singer who was working for Bendix as an experimental pilot. They married August 18, 1945 and spent 25 happy years together. After Julius died in 1970, Trude returned to business school to polish her skills. She then worked in a number of South Bend businesses, traveled extensively and was an active volunteer. She moved to Bloomington in 2006. She leaves behind two daughters, Judith Royster (husband James) of Middle Haddam Connecticut and Andrea Singer (husband Roger Beckman) of Bloomington, three grandchildren, Jeremy Royster (wife Dayna), Erin Robidoux (husband, Michael) and Nathaniel Beckman (fiancee Evelyn Marrett) and five great-grandchildren, Juliet, Justin, Ginger and Alec Royster and Nicholas Robidoux. A memorial service will be held on June 25 at 11: 30 in her church of 61 years, St. Peter's United Church of Christ in South Bend, Indiana and she will be buried next to Julius in the Riverview

cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter's United Church of Christ, 915 Ironwood Drive, South Bend, Indiana 46615 or to a charity of one's choice.