

Mary Ellen (Norlin) Peterson was born September 14, 1928, to Oscar and Charlotte Norlin in Wautoma, Wisconsin. She attended school in Wautoma, WI and was the Valedictorian of her graduating class. She married a local boy, Allen Peterson on September 4, 1948. Mary, a lifelong Lutheran spent her entire life living out her faith. Early in their marriage of 67 years, she worked as a secretary to support their family and put Allen through seminary. In addition to raising their five children, Mary worked by Allen's side supporting his 40 plus year ministry. Once the kids were grown she went back to work outside the home. One of her favorite positions was working in the International Division of Medtronic.

Mary's greatest joy besides her love for Jesus, was her husband, Al and her family. When time allowed, she also enjoyed sewing, gardening, reading, and ministering to the elderly. Mary and Allen shared their love for Jesus and their family through singing. It was an integral part of their ministry and was frequently asked to share their gift of music at church and family events.

Mary died January 25, 2018, surrounded by her loving family at Nelson Gables in Alexandria at the age of 89. She was preceded in death by her mother and father; husband, Allen; son, David Allen; son-in-law, Chuck Perkins; and brother, Austin Norlin. She is survived by daughters: Susie (Steve) Bodurtha, St. Anthony, MN; Sally (Ron) Lacey, Bryan, TX; Sara Perkins, Elk River, MN; and son, Paul (Dionne) Peterson, Alexandria, MN. Mary is also survived by her sister, Virginia Bei, Wautoma, WI; sisters-in-law: Luverne Norlin, Wautoma, WI; Thea Stecker, Colorado Springs, CO; Ingrid Strimbu, Thornton, CO; Elaine Peterson, Brookfield, WI; 14 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

## *In Loving Memory*



*Mary N. Peterson*  
*1928 ~ 2018*

*For I am convinced  
that neither death nor life,  
neither angels nor demons,  
neither the present nor the future,  
or any powers,  
neither height nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us  
from the love of God  
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*Romans 8:38-39 NIV*

*In Memory of*

### **Mary N. Peterson**

September 14, 1928 ☩ January 25, 2018

#### **Memorial Service**

Nelson Gables  
Alexandria, Minnesota  
Monday, January 29, 2018  
1:00 PM

#### **Officiants**

Reverend A.J. Kluver  
Reverend Hans Dahl

#### **Pianist**

Carolyn Moeller

#### **Musicians**

Michael Peterson  
Sara Severson  
Katie Hoffman  
Ron Lacey

#### **Inurnment**

Mount Morris Holden Lutheran Cemetery  
Wautoma, Wisconsin  
this summer