

## **Anna Wetherby, 96**

**Jan. 21, 1919 - Jan. 25, 2015**

**BURNSVILLE, MN** — Anna

Marie Foline Wetherby born January 21, 1919 in Defiance to Edward Wageman and Magdalena (Klein). She was baptized and confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. She attended country school and graduated from St. Paul's Catholic High School in Defiance. Anna's father loved music and taught his children to play musical instruments. Five of the girls later formed the Wageman Girl's Orchestra. Anna was the



drummer. For the Harlan Fall Festival in 1935 they shared the stage with Ronald Regan, a young DJ from Des Moines and the Andrews Sisters. They played for the first dance in the new Defiance Community Center. The following week's dance featured the Lawrence Welk Band.

In 1938 Anna moved to Minneapolis where she worked as a nanny and a waitress. Here she met her future husband, David Foline. They were married August 21, 1941 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. They had 6 children. Anna worked as a cook at St. Kevin's Grade School in Minneapolis. Her volunteer activities included Cub Scout Den Mother, Meals on Wheels and Eucharistic Minister. Her pastimes included crocheting, reading and Bingo. Anna passed away January 25, 2015 at age 96.

Anna was preceded in death by her parents, two husbands, 1 grandson, 1 great grandson and her 5 sisters Katherine Sonderman, Verdilla Bertelsen, Josephine Marshall, Rose McCollum, Leona Buman and two brothers, Henry Wageman and George Wageman. She is survived by brothers Elmer Wageman, Edward Wageman, daughter Judith Custer; 5 sons Richard (Christine), David Joseph, Michael (Judith), John (Barbara), Thomas (Shelly); 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild, 4 step children, Bruce Wetherby (Melinda), Donna Connors (Jim), Duane Wetherby (Carolyn), Carol Wetherby, 6 step grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian burial took place on Friday, January 30 at the Church of the Risen Savior in Burnsville, MN.