

## **Gladys M. Steinmann**

Madison--Gladys M. Steinmann, age 90, died Friday, February 18, 2011.

Gladys was born on July 6, 1920, in Monroe, the daughter of Theodore and Anna Bayrhofer.

At 17 she moved to Milwaukee, to study fashion illustration. Gladys met her husband, Howard Steinmann, while in high school. They married in 1941, settled in Monticello, and raised three children, Jim, Mic and Sue. Gladys was a wife, mother, homemaker, and artist.



Gladys and Howard later moved to Madison, then to Seattle, Los Angeles, and back to Madison. During this time they traveled worldwide. Gladys made pottery, took up stained glass, and gardening, painted dried gourds or the ever-changing wall colors in her home, helped in her daughter's greenhouse business, and read book after book.

In 2001 Gladys was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and gradually was no longer able to enjoy the reading and artistic creativities that had been such a large part of her life. With the grateful assistance and support from HospiceCare, Gladys remained in her home up to her last two weeks.

Waiting behind is her husband of 69 years, Howard; children, Jim (Jan) Steinmann, Mic (Allison) Steinmann of California, and Sue (Bill) Steinmann of Arena; grandchildren, Kim and Alyssa; sisters, Marion Heuer and Fran Melville; and brother, Bob Bayrhofer.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Ted and Charles.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2011, at 11 a.m., with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. and a luncheon to follow, at ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC PARISH, 602 Everglade Drive, Madison. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to HospiceCare, Inc., 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway, Fitchburg, WI 53711 or to Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin, 517 N. Segoe Road, Suite 301, Madison, WI 53705.

The family wishes to thank Gladys' many caregivers for their extraordinary help and kindness, and the Saratoga Circle neighbors and other special friends who have given so much love and generosity.

Gladys will be missed by many, but her memory will live forever.