

Mrs. Katri Inkeri Pajasvaara Lindholm

Katri Inkeri Pajasvaara Lindholm, 90, widow of John C. Lindholm, died Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010, in Frederick. Even while dealing with dementia, her Finnish sisu kept her proud and gracious to the end.

Inkeri was born and raised in Finland, where she worked as a newspaper reporter. During World War II, she served with Lotta Sv?rd, the Finnish Army Women's Auxiliary forces, as a radio operator, and was working in the part of Finland forced to the Russians the day the war ended.

While on a trip to the U.S., Inkeri met her husband, John Clifford Lindholm. After their marriage in 1952, they settled in the Washington suburbs, and Inkeri became a U.S. citizen.

Inkeri and Clifford had two children, Karin and Eric. Inkeri was a stay-at-home mom until the children were older, when she began working in the Art Needlework department of Woodward & Lothrop's downtown Washington store. An accomplished needleworker all her life, she enjoyed a cadre of loyal customers until her retirement in 1985.

Retirement brought Inkeri several trips to Finland, her beloved grandchildren, and a move to Frederick. Dementia eventually robbed Inkeri first of her needlework skills, then her perfect English, but never of her love for her family and Finland, her stubbornness and class.

Inkeri Lindholm is survived by daughter, Karin Lindholm Belsheim and husband, Allen, of Frederick; son, Eric Lindholm of Fredericksburg, Va.; and grandchildren, Katri Lindholm and Holm Belsheim.

Friends may call from 3 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at Keeney and Basford Funeral Home, 106 E. Church St., Frederick. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. David Albertson officiating. Private interment will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Memorial gifts in Inkeri Lindholm's name may be presented to Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp and Conference Center, 3200 Mar-Lu-Ridge Road, Jefferson, MD 21755.

Mik? vahva Suomalainen nainen!

