Obituary

**Born:** Saturday, April 5, 1924
**Died:** Sunday, October 22, 2017

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Mary Alice Moran age 93 of Mankato, died on Sunday, October 22, 2017 peacefully at her home. Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 10 A.M. at St Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Mankato, with Fr. Tim Reker and Deacon John Rudd officiating. Interment will be held at a later date. Visitation will be held for one hour prior to services at church.

Mary Alice was born on April 5, 1924 to Dr. Thomas E. and Grace (Reilly) Johnson in Rapid City, South Dakota. She graduated from Rapid City High School and then attended Rosary College in River Forest Illinois. Mary then received her Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Colorado in 1945 where she was a member of Alpha Phi Sorority and Beta Sigma. She was employed in San Francisco before returning to Rapid City where she worked at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. On November 21, 1947 she was united in marriage to William James Moran in Santa Ana, California. Mary and Bill lived in Rapid City until 1972 when she and her husband moved to Mankato, Minnesota. She was active in the AAUW Chapter and for many years actively volunteered at the Immanuel St. Joseph’s Hospital. Mary also served as Auxiliary President from 1978-1979. She also was a member of the Minnesota State Auxiliary Board for six years and MSU for Seniors. Mary also served on the board of LAH/BN program for five years. She was a descendent the early black hills families. Her grandfather Edward Reilly had come to the hills in 1877 and established a Mercantile Company in Central City which furnished supplies to the gold camps.

She is survived by sons, William R. (Patrice) Moran and Thomas R. (Mary) Moran; grandchildren, Kelley Moran, Molly (Dr. Joshua) Lukenbill, Casey (Julianne) Moran, and Emily (Josh) Peterson; great grandchildren, Elleson, Vivien, Reilly, and baby girl born October 23, 2017 Lukenbill & Emmaline and Mason Peterson; nieces, Judy Fulk and Susan Johnson; nephew, Bruce Bjorge Johnson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Dick and sister-in-law, Rosemary.