



The Ship

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side
spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts
for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength.

I stand and watch her until at length she hangs like
a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come
to mingle with each other.

Then someone at my side says: "There, she is gone!"

"Gone where?"

Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in
mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side
and she is just as able to bear her load of living freight
to her destined port.

Her diminished size is in me, not in her. And just at
the moment when someone at my side says: "There,
she is gone!" there are other eyes watching her coming,
and other voices ready to take up the glad shout:

"Here she comes!"

And that is dying.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Mavis Elaine Fern

Born

May 19, 1929 Wilson, Wisconsin

Passed Away

October 24, 2025 Robbinsdale, Minnesota

Memorial Service at

Gearty-Delmore Funeral Chapel

Plymouth, Minnesota

Saturday, November 1, 2025 11:00 AM

Survived by, and greatly missed by

children, Debra Lien (Richard), David Fern (Donna),
Randall Fern (Tamara); grandchildren, Briana (Chadwick),
Joanna (Jason), Erica (Brandon), Ann (Jeremy),
William (Christina), Lisa (Jacob), Laura;
8 great grandchildren, Ethan, Ezra, Samuel, Katheryne,
Ezekiel, Elliot, Lucy and Henry; brother, Warren;
many other relatives and friends.

Preceded in Death by

husband, Wayne; parents, Ivan and Ruth Isaacson
and brothers, Walker and Eugene.

Interment

Fort Snelling National Cemetery
Minneapolis, Minnesota