

# Della P. Rasmussen Westminster, Md.

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Mrs. Rasmussen was a lifetime member of the Church of the Incarnation, United Church of Christ, Emmitsburg, Md.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Lalia S. Riley of Sykesville, Md.; her nephew and his wife, Arthur and Vickie Riley of Westminster, Md.; and nieces and their spouses, Janet and Allen Colburn of New Windsor, Md., and Marjorie and Fredric Lohnes and Donna R. Riley, all of Westminster. Her brothers, Ray David Riley and infant, Ernest Martin Riley, predeceased her.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 4, 2008, from Carroll Lutheran Village, Krug Chapel, with the Rev. Jimmie L. Schwartz, Chaplain, officiating. Interment with full military honors will follow at Arlington National Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service at the chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Carroll Lutheran Village Chapel Fund, c/o Carroll Lutheran Village, 205 St. Mark's Way, Westminster, MD 21158.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.myers-durborawfh.com](http://www.myers-durborawfh.com).

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