

Margaret A. Doherty

Funeral services for Margaret A. Doherty, author of many writings about Minnesota in early 20th century, will begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Mueller Mortuary Parkway Chapel, East Seventh Street and Johnson Parkway followed by a Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Catherine's Church, Cedar Lake Township.

Mrs. Doherty, 86, died Tuesday at Midway hospital. At the time of her death, she resided at 1326 Kenneth Street.

After raising her 12 children, Mrs. Doherty began her writing career. Her stories of growing up in the St. Paul area often appeared in the St. Paul Dispatch and Pioneer Press.

A collection of letters called "Letters from Grandma," was Mrs. Doherty's legacy to her 46 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was a Scott County country school teacher in 1912 when she married Anthony Doherty. After their children left home, Mrs. Doherty took a course in creative writing at the College of St. Thomas.

From then on, she spent most of her time writing about her days on the farm, life as a country school teacher, Fourth of July celebrations and a biography of her husband who died in 1972.

Mrs. Doherty's survivors include seven daughters, Mrs. Mary Waldner, Mrs. James Boeser, Mrs. Robert Norman, Mrs. Gervase Sontag, Mrs. Monica Carroll, Mrs. John Heitkamp and Mrs. Arthur Cheney; three sons, Mel, Tony and Pat; seven sisters and four brothers.

Visitation will be today from 3:00 p.m. at the Mueller Mortuary Parkway Chapel. St. Paul Pioneer Press – Jan. 1981