



Mayme Keup Schroeder with her let Pekingese, Honey, in her living room in Shakopee in 1971.

where she spent countless hours supplying comfort articles to patients in Veteran’s Hospitals, according to an article in the **Shakopee Valley News**, February 25, 1965.

At St. John’s Lutheran church in Shakopee, Mayme had been a pillar of strength. She had been a Sunday school teacher for 20 years, president of the Ladies Aid society and Women of the Church Activities group. She was also the first woman to serve on the finance and building committees, and the first chairwoman of the church’s Lutheran Welfare society.

In the 1971 **Shakopee Valley News** article, Mayme noted that she joined the Shakopee Booklover’s Club, and been with the group ever since that time. “We’re kind of proud of the fact that the Club has been active since 1903,” Mayme chuckled, “And they say women can’t get along!”



One Shakopee man noted her volunteer service in numerous civic, fraternal, and church group, and “has done more good for the county than any other person I know,” according to the **Shakopee Valley News**, June 30, 1971 in an article by Lois Geis called *With Red Cross Over Half Century... Mayme Takes Her Swing at Everything.*

For the last 25 years, Mayme was secretary, treasurer, and manager of the Valley Cemetery Association, and when Marie Mayme Keup Schroeder died on July 22, 1973 at St. Francis Hospital, she was buried there, next to her husband, according to an article in in the **Jordan Independent**, July 26, 1973.



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**Marie Mayme
Keup Schroeder**
1893-1973



Marie D. Mayme Keup was born in Belle Plaine, Minnesota in 1893 to August Johann Keup (1855-1950) and Pauline Polly Bauer Keup (1866-1961).

Mayme married Adolph Conrad Frederich Schroeder in Belle Plaine, Minnesota on April 18, 1923. Adolph was born on May 5, 1884 in Shakopee, son of Herman Frederick Schroeder (1854-1922) and Marie Mary Reinke Schroeder (1851-1932). Adolph's father owned a brickyard which developed into the Schroeder Brick and Lime Manufacturing Company. It was one of the leading and most prosperous business enterprises of the city, and was well known in the northwest. While Adolph ran the business, Mayme helped in the office.

Adolph Conrad Frederich Schroeder died in 1949, and Mayme became

Marie Mayme Keup Schroeder was one of one hundred outstanding Minnesotans recognized for civil and community contributions received a special "I Care" award from Second District Congress person Ancher Nelsen in a luncheon on February 18, 1965 at the Sheraton-Ritz hotel in Minneapolis.

Marie Mayme Keup Schroeder is remembered for more than four decades of her well-stocked candy jar, her charm, and her friendly words of advice.



a widow after this time. But she was a dedicated citizen of Shakopee, and was involved in numerous activities in the area.

Marie Mayme Keup Schroeder helped in the United Fund and Red Cross. She was the Scott County woman chair. She was also served a secretary of the Shakopee Chamber of Commerce, and she was also head of the Cemetery Association.

In an article in the ***Shakopee Valley News*** on January 28, 1965, Mayme was named recipient of the WCCO Radio "Good Neighbor Award" on January 25, 1965 noted the article "*You Name-It*" *Mrs. Mayme Shroeder's Done Her Part*. She had lived in Shakopee for more than 40 years. She had been a Godmother and adopted aunt to several generations of children, attending baptisms, graduations, marriages, and she kept a well-stocked cookie jar handy, according to the article. She had been a backbone of the Scott County Red

Cross since 1932, and had been a Sunday school teacher for 22 years. The Blood Program started in 1950, and Mayme nursed it and worked steadily for fifty years.

Marie Mayme Keup Schroeder did county welfare work—before we had county welfare department, according to the article. March of Dimes, Cancer Fund, Heart Fund, United Fund—you name it—and this lady had been part of it. And she still had the neighborly habit of sending over a big kettle of soup or fresh baked apple pie to families where illness or accidents strike.

In 1965, Mayme was named one of 100 Outstanding Minnesotans. She would feed those affected, many times taking brackets, linens, and supplies from her own closet to minister to those in need. She also helped locate. And reunited many families of servicemen, and as vice-president of the Minnesota Red Cross Hospital service in 1946,