



Helen Mary Pollock

January 3, 1927 - September 12, 2020

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Age 93, of Bloomington, formerly of Edina, Minnesota. Born January 3, 1927 in Winona, MN; died September 12, 2020, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital after a short illness. Family members were able to be present with her during her last hours. Helen's lifelong strength, presence and grace continued through her dying process. Helen attended High School at Villa Maria Academy in Frontenac, MN; College of St. Teresa in Winona; and St. Catherine University, St. Paul MN, where she graduated with an RN degree. Helen met and married Anthony Pollock in 1949 while they were both working at the former St. Mary's Hospital in Minneapolis. Helen was a Surgical Unit Charge Nurse and Tony was a Psychiatry Medical Resident. The couple lived in Colorado and Indiana before returning to Minnesota. They welcomed nine children, 15 grandchildren, and 1 great-granddaughter. After raising her family, Helen returned to her nursing roots as a volunteer and then as a part time RN at Teenage Medical Services (TAMS), retiring in 1992. Helen was an organized mother who remembered and honored her children and grandchildren with gifts unique to them. She was a classy entertainer and accomplished hostess at family and holiday celebrations and social gatherings. Helen and Tony had a close network of friends, sharing vacations, social events and travel. Over the years Helen was a bridge club member, tennis player and golf league member, proud of her "hole-in-one" plaque award from Braemar Golf Course. After Tony's death in 2014 Helen came into her own at Friendship Village (FV), Bloomington, MN with her weekly "Wednesday Club" wine and dinner, Thursday evening dinner, and Friday "Eggs Benedict" standing dates with fellow FV residents. The family thanks the kind and patient FV Home Health team, and all the FV staff, for supporting her the past seven years of her residence there. Her Catholic faith was an important part of her life. She was a dedicated member of Our Lady of Grace parish and then St. Patrick's parish, both in Edina, MN. Helen is survived by her brother George Libera (Dee); sister-in-law Barbara Libera; her children, Stephen, Katherine, Nancy, Thomas (Monica), David (Holli), Susan (Carla), Martin (Casey), and John (Stacy); her grandchildren Joseph, Meccy, Lucas, Alexander, Dylan, Nicholas (fiancé Miranda), Frances, Thomas, Freya, Robert, David Libera, Sarah, David Anthony, Kathryn, and Hudson, and great-granddaughter, Massa, and many nieces and nephews. Helen is

preceded in death by husband Anthony; daughter Carol Helen; sister Alice, brother Leonard, and parents, Casimir and Frances (nee Mosiniak) Libera, and sister-and brother-in laws Antoinette (nee Pollock) and Eugene Hunstiger and Dorothea (nee Pollock) and Ernest Sowada. A private service and burial with family members was held Thursday, September 17, 10:00 a.m.at Resurrection Cemetery, Mendota Heights. Memorials if desired may be sent to St. Catherine University.

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