



Donna J Sonnesyn

June 29, 1929 - August 3, 2020

Sonnesyn, Donna J. Donna Potretzke Testin Sonnesyn passed away at the age of 91 in Naples, FL on August 3, 2020, of COVID. She grew up in Minneapolis, MN, graduating from Washburn High School in 1947. She earned a teaching degree from Miss Woods College and taught first grade in Bloomington, MN. She married Gayle Testin at the age of 20 and had 2 children. She enjoyed singing in the church choir, homemaking, and gardening. Donna lost Gayle to cancer when he was 44. Donna later married Earl "Hap" Sonnesyn, joining 2 families and welcoming 3 grown step-children. Hap and Donna enjoyed their MN lake home, fishing, entertaining, traveling, golfing, and wintering in FL. Donna is preceded in death by husbands Gayle Testin and Earl Sonnesyn. She is survived by her brother Paul Potretzke; children Cathy Hinz and Mark Testin; step- children Cynthia Cromwell, Roger Sonnesyn, and Jayne Rhodes; grandchildren Christina Case, Jennifer Schmidt, Jason Testin, Joshua Testin, and Adam Testin; step- grandchildren Burt Chamberlin, Joe Chamberlin, Zach Rhodes, Will Rhodes, Ben Rhodes, Jeff Rhodes, Maggie Irrgang, and Henry Sonnesyn; 7 great-grandchildren; 3 step-great-grandchildren; and 11 nieces and nephews. Donna had a positive attitude toward life, cheering and encouraging those around her with her beautiful smile. She made such a difference in our lives and will be so missed. There will be a memorial service in Mpls. through Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapel followed by interment when it is safe for people to travel and gather. Memorials may be sent to the charity of your choice. Washburn-

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