



Gloria Jean Lehar

October 22, 1932 - November 4, 2021

Lehar, Gloria Jean (Aabel) peacefully passed away November 4, 2021, at the age of 89. Born in Minneapolis to Col. Bernard and Lucille (Jackman) Aabel, she was primarily raised in Onolaska, Wisconsin. Her father was in the military during and after WWII, which took the family to Tennessee, Washington DC and Helsinki, Finland. Gloria married Robert Joseph Lehar of Minneapolis in 1952. Together they raised four daughters, after which she discovered a passion for retail. In a short time, she worked her way up to store manager at Evensons Hallmark, and then left to start her own retail gift stores. She loved selling and going to market to find new and fun gift items for her customers. Gloria retired at the age of 86 (!). Not only a savvy independent businesswoman, her strength, courage, and compassion modeled behavior that all her daughters hoped to follow. She was a die-hard, tail-gating Vikings fan, an adventurous world traveler and a lover of steaming hot coffee. After more than 60 years of marriage, Robert preceded her in death on November 3, 2014. Gloria is survived by her daughters Sue (Mike) Nelson, Patricia (Ed) Williams, Jane Lehar and Jackie Lehar; 4 grandchildren Will (Ellen), Alex (Luke), Jamie (Blake) and Emma; 5 great grandchildren Ada, Ella, Brooks, William and Ames; and her brother Brian (Karen). For those who wish to join us to celebrate her life, visitation will be at Washburn-McReavy Dawn Valley Chapel, 9940 Bush Lake Road, on Tuesday, November 9th from 5:00 - 6:30 PM.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

NOV 9. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

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