



## Helen R. Duncan

December 13, 2014

Duncan, Helen R. Age 83, passed away in her home December 13, 2014 surrounded by her loving family. Death was due to lung cancer. She is survived by her husband, Donald A. Duncan MD; daughters, Lea Ann Johnson-Lay (Ed) and Denise H. Morseth (Rob); grandson, Gerrad D. Lay (Lisa); great-granddaughters, Ashleigh and Sydney Lay, as well as nephews, Jon Olson (Dawn) and Jeff Olson (Mary), niece, Jackie Lemke (Dan), brother-in-law, Lester Olson of Madison, MN, stepchildren, Richard A. Duncan (Beth) and Kieran A. Duncan and step grandchildren, Alice and Maeve Duncan, as well as many grand nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Anna Krohn, sister Marlys A. Olson and first husband Robert W. Johnson. Helen was born on a farm near Plato, MN Oct. 9, 1931 and moved to a farm near Brownton, MN in 1935. There she attended Immanuel Lutheran School followed by Brownton High School, graduating in 1949. She graduated from the Swedish Hospital School of Nursing (Minneapolis, MN) in 1953. While raising her daughters she volunteered at the Suburban Teen Clinic of Excelsior, MN and was Sunday School Superintendent at Grace Lutheran Church in Deephaven, MN. In 1966 she began work as a registered nurse in the Methodist Hospital, St. Louis Park, MN 30-station dialysis unit, eventually becoming Nurse Manager. She received the Methodist Hospital Sarah Harrison Knight Nurse of Excellence Award in 2002, the year she retired. She was a breast cancer survivor in 1992. Following retirement she volunteered at Methodist Hospital and Mt.

Olivet Careview Nursing Home. She and her husband enjoyed many years of boating on Lake Minnetonka as active members of the Minnetonka Power Squadron. Thanks to Dr. Keith Harmon, pulmonologist and Dr. Mark Wilkowski, oncologist, whose staff at the Methodist Hospital Fraumshuh Cancer Center and hospice unit provided Helen with excellent medical care. Visitation will be held at the Washburn McReavy Edina Chapel, 50th Street and Hwy 100, Friday, January 2, 2015 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM followed by a service to celebrate Helen's life at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, Knox Ave. at 50th Street, Minneapolis, MN Saturday, January 3, 2015 at 1:00 PM with visitation 1-hour prior, followed by a luncheon. Memorials preferred to the Park Nicollet Foundation or the National Kidney Foundation. [www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com) Edina Chapel (952) 920-3996