



Helen Frances Petersen

October 25, 2015

Petersen, Helen Frances 1920 - 2015 94, recently of Martin Luther Care Center in Bloomington, MN passed away Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015. She lived at her home in Burnsville, MN from 1977 until she moved to assisted living at Ebenezer Ridges, Burnsville, MN. in 2008 and in 2011 to Martin Luther Care Center in Bloomington. Helen was born on Dec. 17, 1920 to John and Clara Halpin of DeGraff, MN, and raised in DeGraff with her brothers Jack and Bob and sisters, Dee, Lois and Marge. Helen married Francis Murphy of Murdock, MN. during early WWII, divorced in 1966 and was married in 1968 to Henry F. Petersen (Bob). She lost Bob, a war hero and recipient of four bronze stars in WWII, to an illness in 1974 and will be interred next to him at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Helen and Bob enjoyed traveling and were very happy for the short time they were given together. Helen is survived by her sister Lois Hollen of Madison, MS. She was preceded in death by brothers Bob Halpin of Edina, MN, Jack Halpin of Benson, MN and sisters Dee Aidem of Los Angeles, CA and Marge Larson of Herman, MN. Helen and Francis raised five sons, Bruce, Doug, Steve, Ralph and Mike. She, Francis and the boys lived in Benson, MN until 1960 and then moved to the Minneapolis area. Helen worked in the insurance industry for many years until she retired in 2002. She loved to play golf with her friends in her leisure time and did so until she was 85, winning many trophies along the way. Over the years she also enjoyed dancing, bridge, bowling and get-togethers with family and friends. She will be missed by her family and sons Bruce of Houston, TX. Doug of Colorado

Springs, CO, Steve of Jesup, GA, Ralph of Apple Valley, MN and Mike of Watertown, MN, as well as nine grandchildren: Brooke and Brianna Murphy, Sean and Ryan Murphy, Brenna and Craig Murphy, Morgan Anderson, Victor, Hillary and Alex Murphy, and Daniel Murphy. Helen also has two great grandchildren: Morgan Anderson's daughter Kaylie Anderson and Ryan Murphy's daughters Hannah, Alexis and son Dominiq Murphy. A visitation will be held at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 29th at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, 5000 W 50th St. in Edina, MN with a Mass of Christian Burial to follow at 10 a.m. Luncheon will be immediately following the Mass at 11 a.m. with a processional open to any who wish to Fort Snelling leaving the chapel at 12:30 p.m. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Tribute Wall



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Helen Frances Petersen.*



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