



Helen M. Petersen

January 9, 2013

Petersen, Helen Marion age 92, of Golden Valley, MN, passed away peacefully in her sleep on January 9, 2013. She was born to Henry and Milla Halvorson on September 16, 1920 in rural Goodhue County and grew up just outside of Dennison, MN. She moved to Minneapolis in 1938 after graduating from high school, and attended Balzar Business College where she studied shorthand, typing and accounting. She worked as a bookkeeper for W. W. Gibson, Attorney at Law for 10 years before starting a family. She met her husband, Phil, in February of 1949 and was married in June of the same year at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. They had three sons and raised them in Robbinsdale, but later moved to the Lake Minnetonka area and retired to the Calvary Center Condominiums in Golden Valley. Phil passed away in 2007 and Helen's final move was to Sunrise Assisted Living of Golden Valley in 2010. She was a devoted wife, mother, sister, aunt and grandmother, and she will be remembered for her strong Norwegian heritage, her commitment to the Lutheran church, her wonderful sense of humor, and her love for entertaining, baking, playing bridge and golf, gardening, sewing, knitting and her delicious homemade lefse. Preceded in death by husband, Philip Petersen; and sisters, Bernice Schley and Florence Larson. Survived by three sons and their wives, Gary and Kris, Bob and Roxanne, David and Carmen; eight grandchildren, Ian (Coryn), Tobias (Alexa), Ariana (Ben), Bethany (Dave), Annie, Charles, Brittany and Molly; twelve great-grandchildren, Logan, Quinn, Bjorn, Harlowe, Elliott, Kyra, Sloane, William,

Nola, Mila, Ethan and Annika; brother, Orlien (Goldy) Halvorson, and many loving nieces, nephews and friends. Memorial service Monday, January 14 at 11 a.m., Calvary Lutheran Church, 7520 Golden Valley Road. Visitation one hour prior to service at the church. Private family interment at Fort Snelling. Memorials preferred to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Calvary Lutheran Church
7520 Golden Valley Road
Golden Valley, MN 55427

Service

JAN 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

Calvary Lutheran Church
7520 Golden Valley Road
Golden Valley, MN 55427