



## Helen (Savage) Peterson

September 22, 2016

Peterson, Helen (Savage) Age 92, of Eden Prairie, passed peacefully into eternity on September 22, 2016. She was born November 30, 1923 to Joe and Christine Savage, on a farm near Funkley, MN, the youngest of six children. In 1940 she married her high school sweetheart Robert H. Peterson and, after the war, they moved to Bloomington to raise their family. She used her many talents for church and community service during those years. She later lived in Minneapolis where she worked at the U of M as a recruiter for research studies in the Department of Epidemiology, and then as a House Director for Kappa Theta Sorority (1989-91) and Sigma Chi Fraternity (1991-98). A life-long learner, she earned her Associates Degree in Humanities at age 70 from Normandale College in Bloomington, and was proud to say she continued to work part-time into her 80th year. She moved to Summit Place Senior Campus in Eden Prairie in 2004. There she served her Christian faith community in several capacities, one of which was Board President for Hilltop Church. She was also missions liaison for the congregation, allowing her to further one of her greatest passions. Helen traveled extensively, including four mission trips to Peru and the Baltic regions. She visited nearly 40 countries and every continent but Antarctica, mostly after the age of 60. Helen was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Christine (Petersen) Savage; siblings Alice, Lorene, Frances, and Fredrick; daughter, Suzanne Campbell; and former husband, Robert Peterson. She is survived by her son, Ronald (Carolyn Allen) Peterson; daughter, Lisa (David) Olson; grandchildren, Joy

(Kyle Enger) Campbell, Michael Campbell, Peter (Mary) Olson, Timothy Olson; great grandchildren, Michaela Enger, Carrick Enger, Elizabeth Olson; and sister, Edna Owens. She will be lovingly remembered by many more extended family members and friends. Helen will always be remembered for her steadfast love of family, her abiding faith, her ageless wisdom, and her indomitable spirit. A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 1, at Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapel, 7625 Mitchell Road, Eden Prairie, MN. Visitation one hour prior to the service. Interment at Bloomington Cemetery. Memorials preferred to the Methodist Hospital Hospice Program, or a charity of your choosing. Washburn-McReavy.com Eden Prairie Chapel 952-975-0400