



Helen M. (Horton) Russett

November 27, 2017

Russett, Helen M. Horton Helen M. Russett passed away November 27, 2017 at the age of 86. Preceded in death by her parents, two sisters Ruth and Anne, infant son Randal, and daughter-in-law Ann Hennessy Russett. Helen was born to parents Dr. Vincent and Genevieve Horton at their family home in Calmar, Iowa. Helen spoke with great pride about the town she grew up in. She would eventually be off for St. Paul to attend The College of St Catherine. Married to Randal Russett in 1953. She took on the task of not only raising 5 children, but having a successful administrative career. A career that ended with a well-deserved retirement in 1992 after 13 years with General Mills. Helen was also active in church, state and local politics, and many causes that needed her hand. Her participation with her kids' schooling, band, sports, and outside activities was tireless. Helen and Randy retired to Florida for 19 years. A need to be closer to family, a desire to spend time at their lake place, and better health care, would see them return home to Minnesota for good in 2011. Helen was a wonderful mother and will be remembered by many for her willingness to take on any task at hand. She was selfless and kind. Concern and care for others' needs were put before her own. She is survived by husband, Randal; children, Maureen Sandgren, John (Peggy) Russett, Vincent Russett, Christopher Russett, Kathleen (Ron) Steacy; six grandchildren John Ryan (Maggie) Russett, Cassandra (Nathan) Bestor, Christina (Andrew) Schulte, Thomas and John Russett, Richard Steacy; three great-grand-children Margaret Lea and Finnian Bestor, Lyra Mae Russett;

sister Mary Lu, brothers Vincent and Robert; and many relatives. Visitation 10 AM, Funeral Service 11 AM, and Luncheon immediately following will be Friday 12/8 at St Joan of Arc 4537 3rd Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN. Family interment will be in Calmar, IA at a later date. Memorials preferred to Cancer Research at Mayo Clinic at [mayoclinic.org/...](http://mayoclinic.org/) or mailed to Department of Development, Mayo Clinic, 200 First St. SW, Rochester, MN 55905.
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