



## Helen T. Taylor

January 10, 1938 - May 8, 2021

After her blessed rich life of 83 years, Helen was called Home to be with our Lord on May 8, 2021 in Edina, MN. She is preceded in death by her husband of 41 years, Stephen Monroe Taylor. For many years, Helen fought a gallant battle against Parkinson's Disease, inspiring all with her humor and dignity until the end. Helen grew up on a farm in Montrose, MN where she learned her love for the outdoors and cultivated her life-long passion for horses and all things equestrian. She was a loving wife, mother and friend. Helen combined strong Christian values and an open heart, putting her at the center of wonderful life-long friendships. Helen is preceded in death by her parents, William McNeely and Marion McNeely, and by her elder brother William McNeely and elder sister Gretchen Badalich (McNeely). Helen is survived by her two children Anne Elizabeth (Jeff) Macke (Taylor) of San Diego and Paul William Taylor of Minneapolis, as well as her stepson Robert Paul Taylor of Lake Tahoe. She is also survived by five grandchildren and sixth due in October from Paul Taylor & Mimi Manesh. A devout Christian, Helen loved our Lord and lived her life in His service. She will be deeply missed by her family and many friends.

To honor and celebrate Helen's 83-year-life well lived, the family most warmly and enthusiastically invites ALL—who knew and loved Helen—to please attend Helen's burial at Ft Snelling National Cemetery Monday May 24 Noon-1:00 starting in Assembly Area #2, immediately followed by gourmet catered buffet lunch 1:30-2:45 and 3:00-4:30 Memorial Service both at "Helen's"

beloved Colonial Church of Edina (6200 Colonial Way, Edina 55436).

Due to CV19 restrictions and to plan luncheon, burial/funeral attendees should please RSVP ASAP and by May 23 by doing the following: 1) go to Washburn-McReavy.com; 2) search for the obituary of "Helen Taylor"; then 3) follow instructions to RSVP.

ALL are strongly encouraged to please post on Washburn-McReavy.com your fondest memories of Helen with eulogy sentiments, which will be incorporated with professionally-taken photos and video into a keepsake that shall be available free upon request to Burial & Memorial Funeral Planner, Robert Taylor (Cell 415/827-2525).

Donations shall be gratefully accepted by Helen's two favorite charities: OrphansHope.org and Can-Do-Canines.org.

# Previous Events

## Burial

MAY **24**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Fort Snelling National Cemetery  
7601 34th Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55450

# Tribute Wall

AD

“Helen was such a special and gracious person with her kindness, ready smile and laughs. We have been friends since we were neighbors in Kenwood in the early 70's. My children, Stephanie and John, were playmates of Anne and Paul. I have so many fond memories such as the 4th of July children's parades, block parties, sailing on Lake Minnetonka with Steve and Helen, etc. Helen was the first person to laugh at her lack of culinary skills in those days, stating that she could make good melted cheese sandwiches and hotdogs! We have shared life's joys and tribulations, and I have been blessed to have her in my life. Helen was a true Christian with a loving and caring heart and she will be dearly missed.

Audrey Darling

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Audrey Darling - May 24, 2021 at 12:45 PM

LF

“I met Helen and her daughter Anne on a trip to Israel almost 30 years ago...we became instant and forever friends! I soon learned that Helen's priority in life was people; loving people, connecting people and caring for people! Through Helen I met other wonderful friends. Because of her my life was made so much richer with so many people I would not have otherwise met. The very best part of our relationship was sharing a deep and abiding love for Jesus. No matter what was going on in Helen's life she would look to Jesus and trust Him for the answer. I'm so thankful that today she walks the glories of Heaven, reunited with so many, and seeing Jesus, her Lord and Savior!

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Lynn Fleener - May 23, 2021 at 06:15 PM

JC

“ I was fortunate to know Helen pretty well. We both rode and showed Saddlebred horses out of the same 2 stables. I first met her in the 1980's when her daughter was showing at the same stable as I was. Later, she started to ride and show too. She had the most amazing Saddlebred gelding named Willie. They won lots of classes and even went on trail rides together. In the late 90's, Helen and I both were riding at a stable in Cave Creek Arizona. I really enjoyed spending time with her at horse shows. She was lots of fun to hang out with. I feel very blessed to have known her.

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**Jill Kimmel Connelly** - May 23, 2021 at 05:35 PM

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“ Helen lived just a house away and our family and our children the ages of Annie and Paul, and many other families, we grew with her, 24 hours/day, across her back yard and Kennedy's and Clark's and across to Darling's and Obermeyer's, Criticos, many more. Her good humor and wonderful neighboring were un-surpassed. Perhaps this summer Annie can come back and with Paul those who got to really live her life day to day can gather and tell our stories. It is too soon for me to think of going to lunch and then a service, it doesn't seem like a good idea yet? And others, maybe from other places will. She can have two get-togethers? She is worth ten. I am so happy to have been side-by-side with Annie and Paul, every day, alongside our neighbor children, living Helen's real life with her. We were fortunate to have all of Helen in those years, I almost said all of Heaven. I am glad we were able to go to lunch with her in later years, thank you, Audrey Darling for organizing. Paul--come to my back yard some day, meanwhile, give me a call. Helen gave us memories, we were so fortunate to have her. Celebrate! Beth Obermeyer

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**Mary Beth Obermeyer** - May 23, 2021 at 04:39 PM

MF

“ I wish I knew if this was the Helen McNeely I went to high school with in Buffalo, MN. Nothing was said about where she went to school.

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**Maxine (Wandersee) Fellerer** - May 22, 2021 at 12:39 PM

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CREMATION SERVICES

“ 2 files added to the album Ft. Snelling National Cemetery



**Washburn-McReavy** - May 22, 2021 at 10:07 AM