



Irene Armorelle Jelacic

December 5, 1935 - December 8, 2016

Age 81 of New Brighton

Passed away Dec. 8, 2016. Survived by children, Angela (Doug) Erickson, Gina (John Welaj) Jelacic, Jon (Rocio) Jelacic and Jolie (Vince) Fazio; grandchildren, Devon and Dustin Erickson, Stephanie Gordillo, Andres and Santi Fazio; sister, Barbara Sheridan and nephews. Preceded in death by parents Bernice (Kinn) and Luverne Turgeon. Irene had a long career as an educator, supervisor, and principal with the St. Paul Public Schools. She earned her bachelor's and doctorate degrees from the University of MN. Irene loved to travel, play bridge, ski, golf, garden and read. She was a lifelong champion for children, equality, social justice, and education. Memorial Service 7 PM Friday, Jan. 6th (gathering 5-7PM) at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL FUNERAL HOME, 515 Hwy 96 W. at Mackubin, Shoreview. Interment Hillside Cemetery. Memorials preferred to Minnesota Literacy Council or Food for Thought (feeds underprivileged kids), helpstpaulkids.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest sympathies and prayers for your family.*

shona brooks - January 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Angela, It was about 1975 or so when Phillip(Sheridan)introduced me to you. I can't believe the great memories still inside my head. I recall a white living room that could only be admired, a reel to reel playing America's 'Horse with no name', a phone #(633-0544), the dislike of a Plymouth's tail lights... Magical-maybe not, though you can feel the influence your acquaintance has been to me. I read your mom's Obit and had to forward my condolences. She was an extraordinary woman and I thank her for sharing a part of her life(you) with the world. Best wishes, John.*

John Ritenour - December 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM