



## Jean Marie Wardin

July 16, 1934 - January 11, 2022

Beloved wife, daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, passed away on January 11, 2022 at the age of 87 1/2.

Jean was born in Dubuque, Iowa on July 16, 1934 to parents Edmund and Genevieve Peschang. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Doris, and two grandchildren Amanda and Victor. She is survived by her loving husband Robert of 68 years; brother John (Jennifer); children Diana, J Robert (Kazumi), Kent (Lori), and Karl (Natalie); grandchildren Christine (Megan), Matthew (Justine), Lydia (Ellen), Caroline (Ryan), Sarah (Vinicius), Kyle (Katie), Evan, Jacqueline, Madalyn, Kollin, and Anna; great-grandchildren Jackson, Colette, Finley, Celia, and August; and nephews Scott (Dawn), Clark (Allison), Alex, and Matthew. Jean grew up in various cities in the south, where her father-built airbases. After the war, her family settled in Waverly, Iowa where she attended high school and was a cheerleader. Jean attended college at Iowa State Teachers College (now UNI), where she met her husband Bob in her sophomore year. Bob attended Iowa State, and they met at a noon dance. It was love at first sight, and they were married five months later January 17, 1954. Bob has loved her more every day. During college, Jean worked for C&H as a payroll clerk. After college, they moved to The University of Illinois, where Jean became a full-time homemaker to her four children. After that, the family moved to Roseville, Minnesota, and then eventually to North Oaks, MN. Jean worked at IC Systems in the billing department after her children left for college. Jean Wardin will be forever

remembered for her warm and empathetic nature. She was a perfect wife and never did anything wrong. Her kindness and welcoming outgoing personality allowed her to make friends everywhere. For all those who knew Jean, we will cherish her storytelling. She loved to travel and share her experiences from visiting six different continents. Jean enjoyed the opera, and she was an avid walker and golfer. She was also a philanthropist, volunteering her time at her local children's hospital. Jean will be greatly missed, and the family appreciates the love and support they have received during this time. Visitation will be held on Sunday, January 23, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home; 515 W. Highway 96, Shoreview, MN. A memorial service will be held on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. at House of Hope Presbyterian Church; 797 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN. Reception to follow the church service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to The Children's Minnesota Foundation or your local children's hospital.