



## Jeanne G. Morgan

March 14, 1926 - May 7, 2020

Morgan, Jeanne 94, died on May 7, 2020, in Richfield, MN, as a result of COVID-19. Born Mary Jeanne Gunn on March 14, 1926, to the late James Hamilton Gunn and Genevieve Gibson in St. James, MN, she was six years old when her father died of double pneumonia. Her mother moved the family back from Duluth to St. James, where they remained except for four years spent in Pasadena, CA, when a two-week trip to see Genevieve's sister Betty morphed into a longer stay. Jeanne graduated from St. James High School and subsequently received a BA in Recreation Therapy from the University of Minnesota, following in the footsteps of several highly-educated women in her family, including her mother, who was a RN, and her Aunt Betty, a graduate of Iowa State University born in 1901. In 1947, Jeanne married Glen Morgan, a man from St. James who served in the Navy during World War II. During the early years of their 67-year marriage, Jeanne stayed home to raise their three children, but she couldn't wait to get back to the workforce. She spent most of her career working for the City of Minneapolis in several capacities, including as an administrative assistant for the Health Department, and for West High School as a health aide. A lifelong feminist and activist, Jeanne was never happier than when she was volunteering. She devoted decades of her life to promoting literacy and supporting ESL students in the Minneapolis public school system. Over the years, hundreds of second-graders enjoyed the opportunity to read with Grandma Jeanne. A member of the League of Women Voters, Jeanne also gave her time to the Minneapolis Branch of

American Association of University Women (AAUW). In the fall of 2000, she and Glen moved to Gramercy, a condo cooperative for seniors in Richfield, where Jeanne helped create a warm community through her service on many social committees. Jeanne and Glen were avid participants in the rich performing arts community of the Twin Cities. They enjoyed all sorts of music, comedy, and theater. Their grandchildren have fond memories of holiday shows at the Children's Theatre Company, among others. Vivacious and elegant, warm and gracious, Jeanne was a social butterfly. She and Glen always welcomed newcomers and were generous towards family, friends, and neighbors. They traveled the world on cruises and Elderhostel programs, and especially enjoyed Europe, China, Australia, and Mexico. In her later years, Jeanne preferred to stay home where she could travel the world from her comfortable couch with a cat on her lap and a book in hand. Preceded in death by husband Glen Morgan, twin brother James Hamilton Gunn, and sister Margaret Carolyn (Kay) Gordon. Survived by children Linda (John Rebane), Ann (James Hodgdon), and Larry (Elisabeth); grandchildren Alexis and Morgan Rebane, Andrew and Alec Hodgdon, and Chris and Shannon Morgan; and great-grandchildren Daisy and Lucas Hodgdon and Casen Morgan. The family gives special thanks to Nurse Laura and the Lifesprk medical team at Village Shores and Brook Dale hospice staff for their extraordinary care. A private memorial service will be held at a later time. Memorials preferred to Planned Parenthood, Animal Humane Society, or Mpls. Branch AAUW Scholarship Fund. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996