



Marion Haukebo Powers

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Powers Marion Madelyn Haukebo Powers, 82, died October 5 after an 11-month battle with ovarian and liver cancer. Powers was a long time teacher, principal, mentor & actor. Born Marion Madelyn Haukebo October 6, 1921, in Underwood to Gerhard K. (G.K.) and Cora (nee Woldy) Haukebo. She trained as a nursemaid at the Children's Home Society of St. Paul. She volunteered for military service in 1942 when the U.S. Coast Guard began its SPAR program in World War II. She graduated from then Moorhead State Teacher's College where she was named to Who's Who at American Colleges and Universities. She performed with various theater troupes including the Pasadena Playhouse and Saranac Lake Summer Theater. In 1951, she married Max Hilton Powers of Lake City. In 1958 she began teaching English at Mankato High School and was the junior class drama coach. She and Max were among a group who founded the Unitarian Fellowship Center in Mankato. She followed her husband, Max, to California where he took a position at Stanford University. She became dean of girls at Holy Cross High School in Mountain View, Calif. When Holy Cross merged with St. Francis High School she continued to teach and coached several debate teams to national competitions. After Max's death, she returned to Mankato to teach. She earned a master's degree and a specialist's degree from Minnesota State University - Mankato. She became assistant principal of Mankato West High School. Later she was principal at Mankato West Junior High School, a position from which she retired in 1986. After she retired, she supervised

student teachers for MSU-M and performed in plays at the Guthrie Theater. She is survived by her three children, Jeremy Powers of Fridley, Bryson Powers of Eagan, and Kaja Powers of Minneapolis. Jeremy is married to Ruth (nee Gosen) and they have one child, Nora. She is also survived by siblings Clarice "Kelly" Falk, Grace Landin, Gerhard "Gerry" Haukebo and Wife Doris, Noel Haukebo and wife Jennifer, and Lois Swenson and husband Wayne; brother-in-law Jack Powers and wife Mary; sister-in-law Sharon Haase and husband Jerry, sister-in-law Liz Powers; and many special nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and sisters Norma Rubink, Catherine Haukebo and Francis "Tessie" Bergquist. Instead of flowers or memorials, the family asks people to perform a small act of kindness for a child. Memorial service Saturday 2 PM at: Washburn-McReavy Edina chapel W. 50th St. at Hwy 100 952-920-3996