



Rosalia Winnefred Olsen

October 30, 1934 - January 24, 2022

Olsen, Rosalia W. "Sally" (Van Dyke)

age 87, of St. Louis Park died on January 24, 2022. She is survived by loving husband of over 60 years, Vern, son Richard (Lei Lu & Jessica), daughter Susan (Kerry) Adelman, grandchildren Scot Olsen-Morales & Robin Loftin Leonard. Preceded in death by parents Rosalia & Henry Walter Van Dyke, daughter Roxanne (Gary) Leonard, and brothers George, William, John and Elba.

Her life centered on her faith, family and public service. Born October 30, 1934 in St. Paul, Sally rose from humble roots to become a pioneering civic leader in a time when there were few female role models. She championed many worthy causes, especially those related to education and to helping others. She served 9 years on the St. Louis Park (SLP) School Board, 14 years in the Minnesota State Legislature representing SLP plus parts of Hopkins & Golden Valley, on state boards for education and the economic status of women, as a lawyer and ultimately as a judge on the MN Worker's Compensation Court of Appeals. She earned a reputation as a hard worker and experienced negotiator.

To her family, she was the organizer, information keeper and font of knowledge. She loved a bargain and was known for her extensive shoe collection. She led by example, inspiring and expecting her children to do their best and make the most of their talents.

She and her husband enjoyed bridge, golf, square dancing and were avid

world travelers. Her family will miss her caring heart, quick wit, tasty ambrosia, and her amazing ability to give her kids "the look" if they misbehaved.

Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30am Tuesday, February 1 at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 5071 Eden Ave, Edina MN 55436. Visitation one hour prior at the church with interment at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery immediately following. Livestream available awaiting LINK from OLG. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to the Breast Cancer Research Fund (www.BRCF.org) or the Salvation Army.

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church
5071 Eden Avenue
Edina, MN 55436

Church Service

FEB 1. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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5071 Eden Avenue
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Tribute Wall

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“ I wish to extend my deepest sympathies to Susan and Kerry and the entire family for their loss. I hope you may always cherish the memories and take comfort in the inspiration and example she led through her amazing life. And most of all, I hope you can find a smile each time you find yourself in a situation that would solicit "the look".



Kevin Vandenberg - February 01, 2022 at 09:06 AM