



Suzanne Maihofer Wagner

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In Memory of Suzanne Maihofer Wagner

Suzanne Maihofer Wagner, 82 of Edina, MN passed away Wednesday, November 11, 2015, at her home in Edina, MN. Mrs. Wagner was born in Highland Park, Michigan to the late Anthony and Marcella (Fitzgerald) Maihofer. A celebration of her life will be held in the summer of 2016 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. A private interment will take place at Forest Hill Cemetery on the campus of the University of Michigan where Mrs. Wagner, and her late husband, James Wagner, met and fell in love while students at the university.

Mrs. Wagner, her husband, and their four children lived in numerous cities around the country due to frequent job transfers with Mr. Wagner's employer, General Motors Corporation. These moves afforded Mrs. Wagner the opportunity to indulge in her passion for interior design and she created many lovely homes for her family. Mrs. Wagner and her husband also traveled extensively abroad to Europe, Asia, Australia, and many other destinations. Following her husband's death in 1995, Mrs. Wagner relocated from West Bloomfield, Michigan to Pinehurst, North Carolina where she and her husband had planned to retire together. With the support of Mrs. Wagner's sister, the late Louise Dailey and her brother-in-law, John Dailey, who also resided in Pinehurst, Mrs. Wagner created a new and rewarding life. Following Mrs. Wagner's third stroke, she moved to Minnesota to live near her daughter,

Karen, and son-in-law Gregg Libbey. The last twelve years of Mrs. Wagner's life were challenged by many health difficulties. However, she never stopped enjoying frequent visits with her children and grandchildren whom she loved more than anything. Her final gift to her family were the lessons she taught that although life can change dramatically, it may still continue with dignity and grace. Her family will sincerely miss her warm smile greeting us. Reading, theater, film, knitting, lectures at the Minneapolis Institute of Art, attending mass at the Basilica of St. Mary, and singing with her beautiful voice were among her many interests. Throughout her life, Mrs. Wagner also contributed countless volunteer hours to many organizations.

Mrs. Wagner is survived by her four children, Karen (Gregg) Libbey of Edina, MN; Kathleen Rabe of Cambridge, MA; Keith (Debbie) Wagner of Princeton Junction, NJ; and Karol Wilkins of Jupiter, FL. She is also survived by one sister, Jane Crowley of Brighton, Michigan; seven grandchildren, Chadwick Rabe, Chelsea Rabe, Jacob Wagner, Jocelyn Wilkins, Chloe Wilkins, Julia Wilkins and Olivia Wilkins. Mrs. Wagner is preceded in death by her husband James Wagner, son-in-law Eugene Rabe, brother Gerald Maihofer, sister Louise Dailey, and several beloved cats.

Mrs. Wagner's family wishes to thank the staff at York Gardens, her residence of four years, her companion aide from Home Instead, and care team from Hospice of the Twin Cities for their compassionate and loving care in her final days.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of the Twin Cities and Minnesota Stroke Association.