



Helen M. Southworth

January 24, 1917 - June 29, 2017

Helen M. Southworth, 100, died peacefully at home on June 29, 2017. Born at home in Baraboo, WI, to Fred and Theresa Ockershauser. Sister of the late Thomas E. and Karl F. Ockershauser.

After graduating from the University of Wisconsin in 1939, Helen taught biology and social science in Mauston, WI, where she met her future husband, Harold. During WWII, Harold enlisted in the USN and fought in D-Day while Helen continued teaching, then in Milwaukee, and held summer jobs as Rosie the Riveter.

Helen and Harold were married in 1943 and over the next 2 decades, due to employment transfers, lived in several cities. They had three children, ultimately settling in Webster Groves in 1958. With Harold's sudden death in 1962, and after being a homemaker for 20 years, Helen diligently resurrected her former self and returned to teaching biology to support her family. Helen taught at Webster Groves High School until retiring in 1984. She and her children never forgot the support of the community, the high school and school district in helping her and the family overcome the hurdles of those uncertain times.

Helen lived for and loved her family, caring not only for her children but also her parents in their final years. She was affectionately known as "Hoo-Hoo" by her family – a legacy passed down from her mother. Helen's parents sacrificed much for their children and Helen did the same.

Loving mother of Dr. William (Jane), Peggy, and Mike (Silvia) Southworth;

grandmother of Kristen (Brad Rodewald) Southworth, Katy (Stephen) Lestmann, Will Southworth, Jenny (Chaz) Moody, Kelly (Carlos Munoz), and Kurt Southworth; great-grandmother of Harper Rodewald, Layla and Hobbs Moody. Her memory survives in so many others.

Services: Visitation, Thursday, July 6, 12:30 until 2:30pm at Chapel Hill Mortuary, Kirkwood. Interment Oak Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Webster Groves High School, 100 Selma Ave., Webster Groves, MO 63119, appreciated. Condolences may be offered at www.stlfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Public Gathering

JUL 6. 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Kirkwood
10301 Big Bend Road
Kirkwood, MO 63122
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Committal

JUL 6. 2:45 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Helen M. Southworth*

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“ *I am sending condolences to Peggy Southworth on the passing of her mother....want her to know I am thinking about her and sending love and support. No matter what the age, it is challenging to loose one's mother. annelundhensley@gmail.com*

Anne L. Hensley - July 06, 2017 at 08:56 AM



“ *Although I did not have her as a teacher, I loved seeing her beautiful smile. She was a lovely lady. And she lived her life well I am so very sorry for your loss.*
Sharon Sienaski

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