



Helen Irene Batura

January 24, 1928 - September 28, 2019

Helen Batura, daughter of Frank and Katherine (Duda Bednarz) Jurczewski, passed away on September 28th after a period of declining health. Helen was born on January 24, 1928 and married Michael Batura Sr. on May 17, 1952. Mr. Batura passed away in September of 2012 following 60 years of marriage. Helen attended Northampton Schools and graduated from Northampton High School in 1945. She then went on to study at Northampton Commercial College, graduating in 1947. Following her graduation from college, she began working in the Archives Department of Smith College, later moving into the Acquisitions Department of the Neilson Library for thirty six years. She then retired from Smith College in 1991. Helen was a life long member of the St. John Cantius Church until it closed and then a member of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. She was also a life long member of the St. John Cantius Womens Club for 50 years as well as the St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Womens Club. Both Helen and her late husband, Mickey, were avid golfers playing many happy rounds at Beaver Brook CC and then Northampton CC. Helen not only loved golf, but she enjoyed crossword and word seek puzzles, cheering for her beloved Boston Red Sox during the summer and then for the Boston Celtics in the winter months. When they retired, The Baturas spent many winters in Florida eventually settling in Venice, Florida where they enjoyed golf, Bingo, cards and socializing with many friends. Helen is survived by her eldest son Michael of Greenfield, Massachusetts and her daughter Kathy Quelland of Ocala, Florida. She is preceded in death by her sister Lottie

Bednarz Kutra, as well as her two brothers, Stanley and Joseph Bednarz. She is also survived by many nephews and nieces. In Florida, A visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 2nd from 5:00pm-6:00pm followed by a rosary service at 6:00pm at Roberts Downtown Chapel, 606 SE 2nd Avenue, Ocala FL. In Massachusetts, a wake will be held on Tuesday, October 8th from 5:00pm-7:00 pm at Aherns funeral home on Bridge Road in Northampton. A rite of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday October 9th at 10:00 AM At St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church on Kings Street in Northampton, followed by burial at St. Marys Cemetery next to her husband in Leeds, MA. Helen requested that in lieu of flowers donations may be sent to St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, 87 Beacon Street, Florence MA 01062 or Hospice of Marion County 3231 SW 34th Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34474.