



Helen S. Sutherland

October 10, 1921 - March 31, 2013

Helen Schukraft Sutherland, age 91 of Conyers, died Sunday, March 31, 2013. She was the wife of the late T. J. Sutherland; mother of Jean Cleary-Burns, Judy Billeter, Barbara Ginn, Tom Sutherland, David Sutherland and Elizabeth Thompson. She was the beloved grandmother of 18 and great-grandmother of 15. Helen grew up in Southwest Atlanta and attended Girls High and Agnes Scott College. She was an officer in the Georgia Tech Newman Club and had certificates of perfect attendance from grade school through college. She ran her own dancing school, the Helen Schukraft School of Dance and studied dance and choreography during the summers in New York City with Gene Kelly and other dance masters. During World War II, she joined the US Navy WAVES and married her fiance, T. J. Sutherland on his return from the Pacific front. Helen was a founding member of St. Pius X Parish in Conyers, serving as a lector and Eucharistic Minister. She was famous for her tireless efforts as a life member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cancer Home. Helen's deep faith was her mainstay in life. Her gracious loving presence was legendary, and her wisdom, energy and determination inspired all who knew her. A Memorial Mass will be held Thursday, April 4, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Pius X Catholic Church with Father John Kieran officiating. The family will receive friends immediately after the service in the church hall. Donations may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society in care of St. Pius X Catholic Church, 2621 Hwy 20 SE, Conyers, GA 30013 or Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cancer Home, 760 Pollard Blvd, SW, Atlanta, GA 30315. Scot

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