



## Helene Bradley Staubes

March 25, 1931 - May 7, 2016

Helene Staubes passed away on May 7, 2016, at her home in Gainesville, VA. She was 85 years old. Her husband of 60 years, Hugh Donald Staubes, predeceased her on March 5 of this year. She is survived by her two sisters, Mary Elizabeth Smith and Phyllis King Satler, her three children, Bradley Staubes (Trond Valldal), Molly Staubes Prosser (Bill Prosser), and Laura Staubes (Marianne Pelletier), and was predeceased by her daughter Diane Bridget. She was the beloved Grandma of her six Prosser grandchildren, Brandon (Paige Browne Prosser), Patrick, Bridget, Riley, Shannon, and Emma, and step-grandson Tobias Valldal Norup.

After growing up in Utica, New York, Helene attended Rochester University, and soon after met Don Staubes, whom she married almost exactly 60 years ago (May 5, 1956). The couple started a family in their hometown, but moved to McLean VA in 1969. There, Helene became extremely involved in the activities of her children, taking on numerous labor-intensive projects and tasks, with the most notable being starting the diving team at Kent Gardens Recreation Club, and running the local Girl Scouts troupe. She was also very active with the swim team at KGRC, and later worked as a volunteer at McLean High School. As her children grew older, she took on a part-time job at St. Luke's Catholic Church, and worked there for many years.

After Don retired, the couple moved to Greenville NC, where Helene enjoyed playing tennis and socializing with her ladies club, "the Red Hatters". She continued an association with them in more recent years as a resident of

Heritage Hunt. Throughout her life, Helene was a lover of antique furniture, silver, and Bartlett prints, and her homes beautifully displayed her collections. There was no bigger fan of the Washington Nationals and she rarely missed watching a game. Nobody ever loved her children or grand-children more than Helene, and her passing leaves a hole deep and wide in many hearts. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal; Love leaves a memory no one can steal.

A funeral mass will be held at 1:30pm on Friday, May 13, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 8213 Linton Hall Road, Gainesville, VA 20155. Reception immediately following the funeral mass.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Helene will also be greatly missed by her many friends at Heritage Hunt, Always a smile, a cheery word of encouragement and great interest in what you were up to!  
She'll be a great asset in heaven. God Bless, Pat Evins*

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**Pat Evins** - May 11, 2016 at 09:01 AM