



Helen R. Oliver

October 24, 1932 - December 7, 2025

Helen R. Oliver, age 93, of Maple Park—formerly of Berkeley, Gilberts, and Hampshire—the beloved matriarch of five generations, passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 7, 2025, surrounded by her loving family.

Born on October 24, 1932, in Oak Park to William and Judith (DePinto) Smith, Helen lived a full and vibrant life marked by generosity, humor, and adventure. In her younger years she worked as a hairdresser and later became a pilot, a passion she shared with her husband, Darrel L. Oliver, whom she married on May 21, 1977, in Chicago. Together they owned and operated Oliver's Helicopters until Darrel's passing in 2023. Helen was known for her giving heart, her wonderfully wild sense of humor, and especially her deep love for her grandchildren and the generations that followed.

Helen is survived by her daughter, Judith Cafferky; her grandchildren, Sean (Lisa) Cafferky IV, Janis (Bobby) Cafferky-Kroman, and Julie (Brandon) Cotie; her great-grandchildren, Alyssa (Jordan) Swanson, Jaycee Brunner, Silas Cotie, Londyn Cafferky, Julie Kroman, and Sydney Cotie; and her great-great-granddaughter, Raelynn Swanson. She is also survived by her daughter-in-law, Paula Wintrol; brother-in-law, Kimble Compton; and many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends who will miss her dearly.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her daughter, Janice Wintrol; her

son, Howie Wintrol; her grandsons, Frankie and Billy Wintrol; her son-in-law, Sean Cafferky III; her brother, Ronald Smith; and her sisters, Sharlene Marcucci and Donna Compton.

Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Helen's name may be directed to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Queen of Heaven Cemetery

1400 S Wolf Road
Hillside, IL 60162

Tribute Wall



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