



Maria-Helga "Helgi" Downes

October 27, 1936 - February 18, 2017

Maria-Helga "Helgi" Downes, 80, of Fort Myers, Florida passed away February 18, 2017.

The daughter of William and Erna (Lob) Danjczek, she was born October 27, 1936 in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

Helgi proudly served as a Sister of Mercy for 17 years. During the tenure, she wrote the curricula and opened the school of Practical Nursing in Belize in collaboration with the World Health Organization. Thereafter, she served in various leadership roles in health care administration and in education at Union-Truesdale Hospital in Fall River, MA, and Sunbelt Health care in multiple locations in Florida. She received her B.S. in nursing from the University of Maryland School of Nursing. Helgi was an active member of the Blessed Pope John XXIII Catholic Church and the Red Hat Society, and enjoyed boating and golfing.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory, her brothers Tom (Karen) Danjczek of Mesa, AZ and David Danjczek of Crystal City, VA, and sister Billie (Mark) Jorgensen of La Jolla, CA, and sister-in law Cynthia Danjczek of Annapolis, MD. She was predeceased by her parents, husband William "Bill" C. Downes and brother Michael Danjczek.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday February 27, 2017 at 1:00 PM at Blessed Pope John XXIII Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Helgi's loving memory may be made to Hope Hospice or Hope Healthcare Services, 9470 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers, FL

33908 or at www.hopehcs.org/donate.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. 2325 E. Mall Drive Fort Myers, Fl 33901 (239) 274-0088. on line condolences may be expressed at gendronfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

FEB 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

Blessed Pope John XXIII Church
13060 Palomino Lane
Fort Myers, FL

Tribute Wall



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October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



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January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM