



## Viola Berkich McGartland

August 6, 1925 - October 1, 2017

Viola Berkich McGartland of New Holstein, WI died on October 1, 2017 at the home of her daughter Sue McGartland in Portola, CA. She was born to George and Danica Berkich on August 6, 1925. Upon graduation from Lake Geneva, WI. High School and Secretarial Training she worked for the Federal Government in Chicago, IL. during World War II.. Thereafter, she worked for more than 45 years as a Legal Secretary, an Executive Legal Secretary and Paralegal in Illinois and California. After retirement she worked in the newspaper industry in Palm Desert, CA.

In 1953 she married David T. McGartland in Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago, IL. Her parents, husband David and son David Brian all predeceased her. She is survived by her sisters, Anne Kathan of Milwaukee, WI, Donna Anderson of Lake Geneva, WI, as well as her three daughters, Kathleen who resides in Germany, Susan, and Cynthia Wester of CA. She is also survived by three grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Her Godson and Nephew Bob Clark writes: "Those of you who knew her well remember her indomitable spirit, her deep and hearty laugh, her firmly expressed and well informed opinions, and her warm and engaging smile. Lynn and I were lucky the last ten years or so to have had many interactions with her including accompanying her to Croatia in 2008 to visit her father's tiny home town and to review church records in the parish rectory there."

Her daughters miss her but know they will one day join her and laugh at the many foibles, heartaches, joys and precious moments shared both individually and together.

Viola will be interred with her Mother at Hillside Cemetery in Chilton, Wisconsin on November 7, 2017 at 10:30am