

Helen Green Hood Aulick



Helen Green Hood Aulick, lovingly known to her grandchildren as “Moi,” passed away November 1, 2019, just three weeks shy of turning 97.

Helen was born in Crewe, Virginia, in 1922 to Lelia and Harry Hood. Helen was the fifth of six children. After graduating from high school, Helen attended Stuart Circle Hospital School of Nursing in Richmond. She served in World War II as a nurse, passing through the Panama Canal during the end of the war. After the war, she worked with the blood program for the American Red Cross and was stationed in Tucson, Arizona, where she eventually met her husband, Lloyd Aulick. Helen and Lloyd were happily married for 60 years.

Helen and Lloyd lived in Tucson and in Globe. In 1960, they moved their family to Casa Grande to open a new Chevrolet dealership, A & H Chevrolet. Helen returned to nursing, working as the school nurse at 11 Mile Corner, Evergreen, Ocotillo and Casa Grande Junior High Schools for several years. In 1979, she purchased The Closet, a boutique women’s clothing store for her retirement career. Helen operated her business with great passion and humor for more than 25 years. Although she joked that she would have one foot in the grave and a dress in the other hand, she eventually sold the business when she was 82 years old.

Helen will forever be remembered for her Southern accent, charm, quick wit, and reminding each family member that he or she was “the sweetest one.” She enjoyed gin martinis, decorating her adobe brick house located on Trekell Road, and the company that her grandchildren provided. In addition, she thoroughly enjoyed family traditions such as dinners with the entire family every Friday night, cooking the Thanksgiving dinner at her house each year, making fudge for Christmas, and any other opportunity to spend time with her family.

Helen is survived by her children, Rebecca (Aulick) Wallace and John Aulick of Casa Grande; her five grandchildren, Sara Witthoft of Phoenix, Emily Sweet of San Diego, Zachary Aulick of Scottsdale, Marshall Aulick of San Diego and Chase Aulick of St. Louis; and four great-grandchildren, Price and Drew Witthoft, Clara Helen and Harrison Sweet. Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd, who passed away in 2009, all of her siblings, and her daughter-in-law, Linda (Griffiths) Aulick who passed away in 2017.

The family would like to thank The Family Tree Assisted Living Center for their loving care of Helen over the last six years.

At Helen’s request, there will not be a public service. Instead her family will celebrate her life at Thanksgiving, Helen’s favorite holiday.