



HARRIET JEAN STAPLETON

June 5, 1929 - June 1, 2016

Harriet Jean Stapleton, 86 of Caledonia, Minnesota born June 5, 1929 peacefully passed away surrounded by family on June 1, 2016 at Caledonia Care and Rehab.

Beloved daughter of Peter and Agnes (Peterson) Schiltz. Harriet graduated salutatorian from Loretto High School in Caledonia and Valedictorian of her class from the College of St. Theresa in Winona with teaching degrees in Music and English. She taught at The College of St. Theresa and Sleepy Eye. September 19, 1953 she married Patrick John "Sean" Stapleton of Thurles, Ireland at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Caledonia. They moved to Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada where she sang for the Vancouver Opera Company and recorded music. In 1968 her growing family moved back to Caledonia where, along with family created Schiltz Farms Dairy and Retail Stores. Harriet was also active in the church as choir director and member of The Catholic Daughters of Americas.

While raising eleven children, Harriet also taught at Caledonia Parochial Schools as a substitute, directed and performed in local musicals, was a Soloist for weddings, funerals, and special occasions, and also sang for the Shamrock Club, which she and husband Sean helped found. She was active with Special Olympics, Meals-On-Wheels, and an avid writer to the editor supporting Democracy.

Harriet is survived by her sister Milda Wardenberg, sister in-law Pat Schiltz, children Mary Agnes "Madge" Johnson, Milda Enander, Catherine, Siobhan Barash, Peter, Una Sheets, John, Neans Moran, James, and Brendan; grandchildren Leah, Bridget, Benjamin, Margeaux, Grace, Jaqueline, Michelle, Sean, Aiden, Elise, Anya; great grandchildren Ava, Aaron, Rees, and Cadence; preceded in death by husband Sean Stapleton, son Thomas, husband Bud Mallory, siblings Gene, Phyllis, Cecil, Mary Ann, Matthew, and Kay.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 2 pm, on Mon. June 6th, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, in Caledonia. Visitation and Celebration of what would be Harriet's 87th Birthday is Sunday from 4-7 at the McCormick Funeral Home, 205 E. Main, Caledonia and one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in the Stapleton Cemetery, County Road 10 and Prairie Ridge Road.

Her family is most grateful for the years of ca