



## Janet Elizabeth Dvorak

October 9, 1917 - October 17, 2019

Janet Elizabeth (Foster) Dvorak, who was 102, died Oct. 17, 2019, after a short stay at Hospice House in Bloomington, Indiana.

She was born Oct. 9, 1917, in Worthington, Minnesota, the first of five children to John R. and Luida (Schonhovd) Foster. During much of her childhood, she lived in Owatonna, Minnesota, and later attended and was graduated in 1940 from Winona State Teachers College (now Winona State University) in Minnesota. She worked her way through school, working for the director of placements, who helped her get a teaching job in Juneau, Alaska, after teaching kindergarten for one year in Lake City, Minnesota.

In 1942, she returned to Minnesota and married Edward J. Dvorak, who served in the Army in WWII. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary shortly before he died in early 1993. They raised their family in St. Paul, Minnesota, and after retirement in 1981 shared time between Lindstrom, Minnesota, and Fort Myers, Florida.

Survivors include three children: Jack (Cathy) Dvorak, Bloomington, Indiana.; Jim Dvorak, Boston; and Jody Dvorak, Bloomington. Also surviving is one sister, Harriet (Foster) Henry, Seattle. Mrs. Dvorak also had three grandchildren: John T. (Jennifer) Dvorak, Phoenix; Jan Fugarazzo, Denver; and Jay Fugarazzo, Portsmouth, New Hampshire. She also leaves two great grandchildren, Jackson T. Dvorak and Charlotte Mae Dvorak, Phoenix. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband and parents, two sisters and a brother predeceased her:

Jean (Foster) Turcott, Helen (Foster) MacPherson, and Howard Foster. During her college years, Mrs. Dvorak enjoyed singing in the Mendelssohn Glee Club, an avocation that she enjoyed throughout her life. She sang in various church choirs, the Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida, and fairly recently in the Meadowood Singers.

Mrs. Dvorak was a devoted and loving mother to her three children, providing a supportive atmosphere while being a steady influence as they developed. Her culinary skills were second to none, and she was widely known for her homemade pizza and 22 varieties of holiday goodies in December. While she was primarily a homemaker, she was president of the St. Paul, Minnesota, League of Women Voters during the early 1960s, where she led several initiatives during the civil rights movement. She was also on the Board of the Minnesota state League of Women Voters.

Having lived at Meadowood Retirement Community in Bloomington since 1997, for many years Mrs. Dvorak volunteered at the Opportunity House. She enjoyed attending numerous musical and dramatic performances at Indiana University. At Meadowood, she had several friends, and she enjoyed playing bridge and shooting pool with them. She enjoyed braiding rugs, making quilts, reading and creating birthday cards for family and friends. Visitation will be from 3 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at St. Paul's Catholic Center lobby. A Funeral Mass will be said at 3:30 p.m. by Father Dennis Woerter at the Center. Burial will be next to her husband in the Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, at a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Opportunity House, 907 W. 11th St., Bloomington, IN 47404.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington is handling arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Tribute Wall

EM

“ Oh no. I just saw this posted. I'm so sorry Jody, Jim and Jack. She was such a wonderful woman. I still make her lasagna recipe, 55 years later! And I loved her Santa Claus cookies. She is with the angels now. My love to all of you. Liz Turbes McCambridge

Elizabeth McCambridge - October 24, 2019 at 02:51 PM

DB

“ She always had something in her kitchen for us hungry, growing neighborhood boys. May she rest in peace.

Dr. Robert Bucher - October 24, 2019 at 11:16 AM

MK

“ Much love, Aunt Hattie, Cheryl, and Kim purchased the Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Multicolor Bright Mixed Flowers for the family of Janet Elizabeth Dvorak.



Much love, Aunt Hattie, Cheryl, and Kim - October 22, 2019 at 11:29 PM



“ Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Janet Elizabeth Dvorak.



October 22, 2019 at 07:55 PM

WG

“ Dear Jim and family,

*Our deepest sympathy at the death of your mother, Janet. Sorry about your loss. She lived a full and fruitful life.*

*May she rest in peace.*

*Your Marist confreres at 13 Isabella St., Boston, MA*

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**Walter Gaudreau** - October 22, 2019 at 03:04 PM

PT

*Dear Jack Jim and Jody - I am so sorry to learn of the death of your lovely mother! She was a treasure as you all well know.! My prayers and good thoughts to all of you. May she Rest In Peace.*

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**patty turbes-mohs** - October 24, 2019 at 04:12 PM

JW

“ Dear Jack and Jody,

*So sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I will remember that she was a sweet lady who always had a smile on her face. I came to know her through St. Paul's and through the Bloomington Quilters Guild. I will be out of town the day of the funeral mass, but know I will be thinking of you. Judy Wagner*

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**Judy Wagner** - October 22, 2019 at 10:03 AM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Janet Elizabeth Dvorak.*



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October 22, 2019 at 07:39 AM