

Obituary

Norma J. Hedin passed away at her home in Beverly Hills, Florida, on September 13th, 2017, during the power outages that occurred in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma.

Norma Jean Eischen was born on November 17, 1937 in Cherokee, IA, the daughter of George and Harriet Gordon Eischen. She attended grade school in Cleghorn, IA. The family moved to a farm near Sioux Falls, SD, in 1948. Norma graduated from Cathedral High School in Sioux Falls in 1955, then attended Augustana College in Sioux Falls, followed by Mount Marty College in Yankton, SD. She earned an associate degree in education, and began teaching elementary school in Castlewood, SD.

Norma was united in marriage to Leroy S. Hedin on June 24th, 1958, at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Sioux Falls. The couple moved to Chicago where she began a career as a secretary, first at Torres Import-Export Company, then at Stepan Chemical Company, where she served as an executive secretary for several years. While at Stepan, she obtained certification as a paralegal, contributing to her advancement.



The Hedins moved to Beverly Hills, Florida, in 1985. Norma worked for the Citrus County Sheriff's Department from 1989 to 1999, in the Emergency Operations Center.

The Eischen-Gordon family was a musical one, inspired by a talented matriarch. Norma played accordion and taught lessons in her pre-college days, and met her future husband while on a weekly trip to Centerville, SD, to teach.

Church involvement was an important value. At Our Lady of Grace parish, Norma was active in study groups, fundraising events, and the Council of Catholic Women. She was an avid golfer, loved to travel and read, and enjoyed membership in book clubs.

Norma is survived by her husband, Roy, her brother Paul (Sharon) in Sioux Falls, her brother Donald in Mexico, her sister Patti in Sioux Falls, four nieces, five nephews, and her precious cat, Abby.

Norma was a beloved spouse, sister, aunt, and friend. She left a legacy of devotion to others, unwavering support of family and friends, and commitment to the highest principles, formed by her religious beliefs and Midwestern upbringing. The lives of all those who knew Norma were enriched by her compassionate integrity and dignity.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 on September 29, 2017, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Beverly Hills. Following the service, family will be receiving friends at the Brown Funeral Home in Lecanto, FL, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Burial will take place at a later date at the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Norma's name to:

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