



Helen Hendricks Howard

November 23, 1940

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Helen Hendricks Howard, born on November 23, 1940, in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, peacefully passed away on April 7, 2024. Helen, a beloved daughter, sister, aunt, spouse, friend, and stepmother, leaves behind a legacy of love, joy, and cherished memories.

Helen was raised on a dairy farm in Northern Sheboygan with her sister and enjoyed a love of music. After graduating from high school, her musical passion and talent led her to a scholarship to the University of Colorado in Boulder. Post college, in 1964, she embarked on a remarkable and fulfilling career as a stewardess for American Airlines, where she dedicated 33 years of her life and retired as a flight attendant. Her career allowed her to explore all reaches of the world, with one of her most treasured adventures being a memorable trip to Japan and a challenging hike to the summit of Mount Fuji.

Helen was not only a seasoned traveler but also an avid Bridge player who achieved the esteemed title of Life Master. Her passion for the game brought her immense joy and lasting friendships throughout her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lester and Marie Beuchel, as well as her husbands, Frank Hendricks and Ray Howard. Helen is survived by her dear sister, Carol Peterson, and her husband, Don as well as her nephew, Todd Braun, with his wife Katie, her goddaughter and great-niece, Natalie Braun, and great-nephew, Pierce Braun. Furthermore, Helen is remembered and cherished by her stepdaughters, Sherry Hendricks Vonins, Siri Hendricks Prater, Shellee Hendricks Santos, Jan Howard Merutka, along with her stepsons, Gordon Hendricks, Brent Hendricks, Gregg Howard, Brent Howard. She also enjoyed her time with her many grandchildren and cousins, especially her cousin Beverly Beuchel.

Helen's journey led her to reside in various places, from Lincolnshire, Illinois, to Sedona Arizona, Coronado Island to Carlsbad, California and settling most recently in Phoenix. She spent her final year at Clarendale Arcadia, where she deeply appreciated the loving care and support provided by the wonderful Clarendale Arcadia and Hospice of the West staff.

Helen Hendricks Howard will be dearly missed but forever remembered for her adventurous spirit, engaging personality, love for Bridge, and the kindness she shared with all who had the pleasure of knowing her. May her gentle soul rest in eternal peace.

A Celebration of Life will be held to remember Helen and the amazing life she so thoroughly enjoyed. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Hospice of the West. Condolences may be expressed at www.whitneymurphyfuneralhome.com.