



Mrs Helen Steuart Thomsen

September 22, 1928 - July 8, 2023

Helen Steuart Thomsen died on July 8, 2023, at Symphony Manor in Roland Park, Baltimore. She was 94.

Mrs. Thomsen was born Helen Calvert Steuart, the daughter of William Calvert Steuart and Helen Marshall Steuart, in 1928. Raised in Roland Park, she graduated from Eastern High School in 1946 and Notre Dame of Maryland University (then known as the College of Notre Dame) in 1950. Prior to her marriage, she worked at Pemco, putting to use her Romance Languages major in the company's international correspondence, took education courses at Towson University (then Towson State Teachers College), and taught elementary school in Baltimore County.

In 1952, she married John Stearns Thomsen, also of Baltimore. After living briefly in New Jersey, the couple returned to Baltimore and raised their four children in Roland Park. Both were active members of St. David's Episcopal Church, where Mrs. Thomsen worked several years as Director of Religious Education in the 1960's, was elected the parish's first female Senior Warden in the 1980's, and later worked as Business Manager, retiring in 1997. In addition, she authored or co-authored several Sunday School textbooks, which were published by Morehouse Barlow, and was active in the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, including service on the Commission on Ministry.

Mrs. Thomsen was also a loving caregiver for her mother-in-law, aunt-in-law, and parents. After her father's death in 1977, she volunteered for several years at the Maryland Conference of Social Concern, where she wrote a detailed Nursing Home Advocacy Project Training Manual and "So You're Thinking About a Nursing Home."

Her avocations included needlework, choir singing, and gardening. When she and her husband were able to lengthen their stays at their summer home in Sullivan, Maine, she enjoyed growing and preserving large quantities of vegetables and fruits.

Mrs. Thomsen participated actively with her husband in his political endeavors, his work at the Baltimore Streetcar Museum, and his activities in the Sullivan-Sorrento Historical Society. She cared faithfully for him at home during his final illness from 2007 until his death in 2010. In 2014 she moved to Symphony Manor, where she enjoyed sharing the companionship of her miniature poodle, Inkie, with other residents.

Survivors include four children, Mary Helen Thomsen Davisson, Steuart Hill Thomsen, Alice Thomsen Bockman, and John Marshall Thomsen; nine grandchildren, Edwin Steuart Davisson, John Louis Davisson, Martha Sawyer Thomsen, William Steuart Thomsen, Christopher Douglas Bockman, Marcus James Bockman, Thomas Stuart Bockman, Alice Elizabeth Hefferlin Thomsen, and Samuel Martin Hefferlin Thomsen; and six great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by two sisters, Marion Steuart Smith and Margaret Steuart Hunt, and by one granddaughter.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date at St. David's Episcopal Church, 4700 Roland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21210. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to St. David's Episcopal Church or the

charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. David's Episcopal Church
4700 Roland Ave
Baltimore, MD 21210