Mary Genevieve (Vader) McNamara

February 13, 1923, Kansas City, Kansas March 19, 2018, Des Plaines, Illinois

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Mary Genevieve Vader McNamara 95 of Des Plaines passed away on Monday, March 19 in Lutheran General Hospital. Mary was born in Kansas City, KS. Diagnosed with a heart murmur when she was 5 years old and recommended to get exercise she was enrolled in dance lessons. It worked - she danced and was named three-time American Legion National Drum Majorette Champion. In February 1943 she was performing with a dance troupe at a Camp Phillips Army Officers Club in Salina, KS. There Mary met her future husband Joseph Hynes McNamara and after only 5 or 6 dates they were married January 29, 1944. Mary and Joe were married almost 57 years when her beloved Joe passed. Mary was a teller at Northern Trust Bank in Park Ridge for 25 years.

She is survived by their eight children: daughters Joanie (Bill) Schumann Maureen (Jo Nunley) McNamara Kathleen (Bill) McLoughlin sons Pat (Barb) Joe (Barb) Mike (Christy) Jim (Lisa) Tim (Pam Guidice); 16 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Mary's family was her greatest source of pride and joy. Memorial Visitation Thursday, March 22, 4-9 p.m. at Ryan-Parke Funeral Home 120 S. Northwest Hwy. Park Ridge. Memorial Mass Friday 10 a.m. at Mary Seat of Wisdom Church (Cumberland at Granville). Interment Private. In lieu of flowers memorials to Rainbow Hospice www.rainbowhospice.org. Funeral Information www.ryan-parke.com.

