

OBITUARY

Helen M. Butler, 95, of Hampton, N.J., died Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at Warren Haven Nursing Facility in Oxford, N.J. Helen was born March 31, 1921, in Oxford. She was the daughter of the late Matthew J. and Mary Ellen (Sexton) Mooney. She was predeceased by her husband of 51 years, John W. Butler, in 1996. Helen traveled to Hawaii with her husband, "Jack" Butler, who served in the South Pacific as a lieutenant commander during World War II. The couple also traveled to Ireland. Upon graduating from Hackettstown High School in 1938, she worked at Oxwall products and J.P. Murphy's department store in Washington, N.J. She was a voracious reader, enjoying mysteries and books on Ireland. She entertained her children and friends alike by reciting poems that she learned in grammar school, such as "The Raven," "Sea Fever," and "The Spider and the Fly." Helen's children attended Hampton School prior to it having a cafeteria. At that time, all children went home for lunch, and Helen fed any and all who came home with her children and read to them. She devoutly prayed the rosary daily, took pride in completing the New York Times crossword puzzle, was a fierce "Jeopardy!" competitor, and was also a longtime fan of the New York Yankees. After raising her family, Helen worked for the Hampton Public School for over 30 years in various capacities. She retired at the age of 86 as the secretary to the chief school administrator. She also spent several years on the Hampton Election Board. Helen was a parishioner at The Church of St. Ann for 70 years and was the oldest living member of the Rosary Altar Society. She was predeceased by her six siblings, Caroline Mooney, Matthew Mooney, Mary Mooney, Agnes Mooney, Margaret Mooney Zanks, and Anne Kappler. Also preceding her in death were her two sons, Billy, in 1949, and Terence, in 2011. Helen is survived by her seven children, daughters, Rosemary Butler of Hyannis, Mass., and Monica (Ed) Hornich of Hillsborough, N.J., and five sons, Jack (Donna) Butler of Annandale, N.J.; Edward Butler of Glen Gardner, N.J.; Brian (Deb) Butler of Hampton, N.J.; Matthew Butler of Aiken, S.C., and Christopher (Terese) Butler of Stewartsville, N.J. She also is survived by seven grandchildren, Will Jadick; Erin and Bridget; Patty and Grace Butler, and Emma and Matt Hornich. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 17, at The Church Of St. Ann, 6 Church Street, Hampton. Interment will follow at the family plot in the church cemetery. Friends and relatives are invited to gather at the Martin Funeral Home, 1761 Route 31, Clinton, N.J., on Monday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., also on Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. before the mass. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Helen to The Church of St. Ann. Donations may be made through www.inmemoryof-memorial.org. For more information or to share memories with the family, please visit www.martinfh.com Martin Funeral Home 1761 Route 31 Clinton, N.J. 08809 908-735-7180

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