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## **Elizabeth Groen**

Elizabeth Jane Ann (Hannagan) Groen of Boca Raton, Fla. and Mukwonago, died Dec. 9 at home, surrounded by her family, following a very brief and courageous battle with a malignant brain tumor.

Elizabeth was born on July 14, 1926, in Oak Park, IL. On May 29, 1947, she married the love of her life, Robert Groen, at St. Giles Catholic Church in Oak Park, IL. Her life has been filled with many wonderful moments, including times with her beloved husband, children and grandchildren. She has so many gifts and enjoyed so many things in her life. She was a wonderful artist, hostess, cook, baker and craftswoman. She enjoyed sailing, doll-making, needle-point, and was an avid traveler all around the world with her beloved husband, Robert and her family.

Surviving her is her husband Robert of 58 years, their six children and 17 grandchildren: Robert Groen Jr. of Seattle, WA (wife Deborah, children Allison, Peter, Michael and Susanne); Jerome Groen of Gurnee, IL (wife Karen and daughter Kelly); Darby (Groen) Kinni of Parkland, FL (husband Jeff, children Jeffrey and Matthew), Emily (Groen) Katzenbach of Hoffman Estates, IL (husband Michael, children Michael, Julia and Elizabeth), Elizabeth (Groen) Joly of Wonder Lake, IL (husband John, children David, Brian, Kevin and Amanda) and Kerry (Groen) Stabell of Barre, VT (husband Shawn, children, Caitlin, Samantha and Zachary).

She is also survived by her beloved sisters, Mary Lou (Hannagan) Sarver, Dorothy (Hannagan) Gibson, Joanne (Hannagan) Rouse, brother Tony Hannagan, sister and brother-in-law Marion (Groen) Stanfield and Robert Stanfield, 45 nieces and nephews and 98 great-nieces and nephews.

Elizabeth is predeceased by her beloved mother Alice (Ryan) Hannagan, father Anthony Hannagan, Uncle Jerry Hannagan, sister Katherine (Hannagan) Shannon, brother Thomas Hannagan and sister Alice (Hannagan) Reese.

Visitation will be held at Petersen's Funeral Home, 6938 W. North Ave., Chicago, IL. on Wednesday, Dec. 14 from 4-9 p.m. and on Thursday, Dec. 15 beginning at 9 a.m. prior to the procession to the church, A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Giles Catholic Church, 1025 Columbian Ave., Oak Park, IL. Following the mass, interment will be at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL.

In lieu of flowers, Elizabeth has requested that donations be made out to a very special Catholic priest on the island of Dominica, who leads three impoverished parishes and she has felt very connected to for over 20 years. Send donations to Fr. Celsus Auguiste, c/o Bob Groen, W345 S10675 S. Shore Dr., Mukwonago, WI 53149. Mealy's Funeral Home, Eagle, is assisting the family with arrangements.

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