

Helen E. Leslie (O'Rourke), 80, of Rancho Cucamonga, died on May 11, 2008, at Sunrise Assisted Living in Alta Loma, California. She was born December 4, 1927, in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada. In 1957, she moved to Southern California with her beloved husband, "Bob", and two daughters and settled in the Whittier/ LaPuente area. From 1966 to 1988 she lived in Pomona and in 1988 she and Bob retired to Lake Wildwood in Northern California. After Bob's death in 2000, Helen moved back to Rancho Cucamonga to be near her two daughters and grandchildren. She worked for Bud's Department Store and The Family Service Bureau in Canada. After moving to California, she was an executive secretary for Secrest & Fish, J.D. Timmons and Berry Construction. She retired from Berry Construction in 1985. Helen is survived by her two daughters, Kathryn Lindsay (Acuna) of Alta Loma, CA and Beth Hale of Fontana, CA; six grandchildren, three step-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her two sisters, Madeline Litschgy and Rita Johnston (both of Ontario, Canada). She made friends wherever she went and many people have been touched by her caring personality. In Northern California, she was a charter member of the Welcome Wagon Club and was involved with Lake Wildwood Little Theater. In Rancho Cucamonga, she was a member of St. Peter and St. Paul Church and was active in the Women's Club and Senior Center. A memorial service will be held on Monday, May 19, 2008, at 11:00 AM, in the chapel at Water of Life Community Church, 7625 East Ave., Fontana, CA 92336. "Making Everlasting Memories" will be on-line for family and friends to write their memories at www.mem.com. Memorial contributions may be made to: American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org, Society for Progressive Supranuclear Palsy at www.curepsp.org or World Vision at www.worldvision.org. Draper Mortuary entrusted with arrangements.

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