



Thelma Helga Saltsman

May 6, 2016

Thelma Helga Saltsman, 93, of Gainesville, FL passed away May 2, 2016. She was born May 21, 1922 in St. James, LI, NY to Aage Sidenius and Anna Eikefjord Sidenius.

A former 50-year resident of Virgil, NY, she came to Gainesville in 2010 to live with her daughter, Suanne Knopf. She was a graduate of Smithtown HS, class of 1940 and A.S. Delhi State in 1942 with a concentration in Food Service. While working, Mrs. Saltsman was Food Service Manager for Stouffer's Restaurants in NYC, the Virgil School, Cornell Dining Services and the George Junior Republic.

Mrs. Saltsman's interests were wide-ranged. She played in both golf and bowling leagues in Virgil and Dryden, NY for many years and was a volunteer at the Corning NY LPGA Golf Tournament many times. She was an ardent fan of both Cornell University and University of Florida sports teams, enjoyed cooking for large numbers of people, and wine tasting. Fiercely proud of her Norwegian and Danish heritage, she took her daughters to Norway and Denmark to meet distant relatives.

Preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, John A. Saltsman in 1996, brothers Harold Sidenius and Aage Sidenius, she is survived by daughters, Suanne Knopf of Gainesville and Joan Oelschlager (Bob) of Fort Lauderdale, FL; son, John F. Saltsman of Binghamton, NY; grandsons, Craig Knopf (Destiny), Kyle Knopf (April) and John Oelschlager (Austin); great-grandchildren, Skylar Keller, Sophia Knopf, Caleb Knopf and Kendall Knopf.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Northwest Grille in Gainesville May 14, 2016 from 4:30 - 6:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to Delhi State University of New York, 454 Delhi Drive, Delhi, NY 13753-4454. Arrangements are in the care of Forest Meadows Funeral Home, Gainesville, FL (352)378-2528. An online guestbook is at www.forestmeadowssf.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ Sending my deepest sympathy. I really miss Mrs Thelma.. I was a caregiver to her and she was the sweetest person, very loving and kind and I will miss her. The family has my prayers always.

Tisha - June 22, 2016 at 12:13 AM

AZ

“ I knew Mrs.Saltsman through her daughters who belonged to the Cortland County 4-H, the same time as I did. She was always a supportive mother and loving mother. I am so sorry to hear of her passing. Love and prayers to all of you.

Ann Zwart - May 12, 2016 at 04:55 PM

AZ

“ I knew Mrs.Saltsman throuth her daughters who belonged to The Cortland County 4-H. She was a wonderful person who always was there to support her children with her love. So sorry to hear of her passing.

Ann Zwart - May 12, 2016 at 04:43 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Mrs. Saltsman lived up the road from us in Virgil. I always enjoyed chatting with her when she passed by our house on her walks. She also was my youngest daughter's "grandma" for grandparents day at school, since we had no family here. She is missed. A great lady.

Bea Busch - May 11, 2016 at 12:21 PM

EB

“ *Thelma and I were volunteers at Cortland Hospital together for many years and became good friends. I loved her. She was so easy to get along with and we had fun. We lost contact the last few years, but I always thought of her. I heard about her wonderful family in Gainesville and her son John and we shared stories. My deepest sympathy.*

Eva Bregman

Eva Bregman - May 10, 2016 at 09:05 PM

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“ *knew her from geo. jr.,my husband,don,worked with her. we went to her home on daisy hollow rd. several times. a great gal!fun!*

grace hedlund - May 09, 2016 at 12:13 PM