



## Rachel Lent

September 8, 1929 - December 8, 2019

Rachel Lent, beloved mother of Elizabeth Lent and Kevin Lent, devoted wife of Franklin Lent, caring grandmother of Henry Lent and Jin Briand, mother-in-law of Steve Briand and of Cheryl, aunt of Sarah Hopkins, David Hopkins, Jeff Poppe, Karl Poppe, John Poppe and James Poppe, passed away on December 8, 2019. She was preceded in death by her parents Eliza and Alexander Berrospe and her dear sister Grace Hopkins. Dementia diluted the pleasure of Rachel's final years, but she was working happily up to her last days. Work was her pleasure, her passion. She was born to take on the world. At sixteen, she decided to go to New York and see what it had to offer. By chance, in a Manhattan rainstorm, seated at the first-floor entrance of designer Tina Leser's offices, and noticing a sign posted "Illustrator Wanted," Rachel was hired by the fashion icon on the spot. From there, she continued to do things her way. She had a business out of her home, long before that was ever dreamed of - in the 60s, Rachel decided to revolutionize children's wear, and designed a line of clothes for young boys that ended up on the cover of Look magazine and were worn by the Kennedy children. In the 70s, she decided it was time for her to contribute to her community with a unique publication, a newspaper, dedicated to her local town but with an international flavor, creating a template that has since been admired and duplicated. Rachel always loved to work, and also loved to think, laugh, love and dream. Conversations with family were always about things to do, things to get done. She lived a full, rich life, the wealth being her wonderful mind and her caring

heart. She had a wonderful laugh and a great sense of humor and used to say, "When I die, I'm going to miss me very much." We agree, and will all miss her more than words can say. She made 90 years, although she predicted she would not make 91. Maybe Rachel knew she had some place else to be. She lives on in all of us who knew and loved and love her still.

A memorial celebrating Rachel's life will be held in the spring. Donations in her memory may be made to Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, the Solanus Casey Center in Detroit or Boys Town.