



## **Mary Luckern**

July 12, 1931 – February 10, 2019

Mary E. Luckern, age 87, of Geneva passed away on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at Rochester General Hospital. Mary was born on July 12, 1931 in Seneca Falls, the daughter of the late Sylvester and Nell Miles Luckern. She graduated from St. Patrick's Elementary School and Mynderse Academy in Seneca Falls.

Mary graduated from SUNY Geneseo and was awarded her Master's in Educational Administration from Syracuse University. She also attended education classes at William Smith. She served on her Alma Mater's SUNY Geneseo Board of Trustees and the Geneseo Alumni Board of Directors for many years.

After earning her teaching degree, Mary accepted what she thought at the time would be a one-year commitment to teach in the Geneva School District. More than 40 years later, she retired having served as a Teacher and Building Principal for four generations of Genevans.

After her retirement from the Geneva City School District in 1997, Mary began another career in politics, winning the Town of Geneva Supervisor's position and extending Democratic influence into town and county politics for the next 16 years. She was a close friend of Geneva Mayor Helen Maney, who together established Geneva at the vanguard of women in leadership positions in this region.

After leaving politics, Mary continued in public service, serving as a Board member of the Boys & Girls Club of Geneva, Catholic Charities and continuing her service to Geneseo State College until her death. In October 2018, Mary was the subject of a community celebration organized by the Boys & Girls Club of Geneva. Attended by more than 350 people, Mary was praised by parents, teachers, former students and the leadership of the organizations she contributed her leadership to during her more than 60 years in Geneva. She received the NOW Award and was honored by the Seneca Falls Chapter. She was a volunteer and leader for Zonta Club of Geneva, League of Women Voters, March of Dimes.

Mary was inducted in the *Omega* Chapter of DKG International on 1965. She was the Chapter's 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President 1972-74 and chaired the Committees of Publications, Legislation, Cheer and Scholarship. She also served on numerous Chapter committees and projects.