

# Helene R. Foellinger

1910 – 1987



Helene Foellinger was born into the newspaper business in 1910. Her father acquired control of the Fort Wayne News in 1920. A graduate of South Side High School and the University of Illinois, Helene Foellinger returned to Fort Wayne in 1933 to pursue a newspaper career.

The sudden death of her father in 1936 plunged her into responsibilities as Publisher of the News-Sentinel at the age of 25. During her tenure, circulation of the paper increased from 56,000 to nearly 80,000. She retired in 1980. Her contributions to the community include the Foellinger Outdoor Theatre, the Foellinger Foundation, and the Foellinger Botanical Conservatory.