



Helen Kostanecki

October 6, 1939 - July 31, 2020

Helen Kostanecki, age 80, passed away surrounded by love on July 31, 2020. She was born in Detroit, Michigan to Walter and Pauline, who immigrated from Poland, and grew up in a close-knit neighborhood with many family members nearby. She was the youngest of six children and her family maintained a strong faith and Polish heritage. Her childhood home was the center of activity in the neighborhood, always willing to help other family members, and always offering delicious homemade food.

Helen will be lovingly remembered by her husband, Marvin Kostanecki, who she married in 1963. Together they shared and instilled a love of family and friends, Polish traditions, and spending time “up north” with their two children, Patrick and Eileen. While they spent numerous summer weekends each year in northern Michigan, her favorite time of year was October, to see the autumn trees changing color.

Helen was a wonderful, devoted, and proud mom who taught the importance of compassion, generosity, ethics, and hard work. She was also a loving and thoughtful second mom/mother in law to Kelly (Pat) and Bryan (Eileen). She especially enjoyed her role as a grandma to eight grandchildren, who she cherished: Hannah (Eric), Patrick (Bryanne), Abigail, Ian, Bethany, Jack, Sam, Erin; and two great grandchildren: Liam and Charlotte. They adored “Gram” as much as she adored them.

In her spare time, Helen enjoyed sewing, embroidery, cross stitch, gardening, ceramics, reading, berry picking, and playing board and card games. She reveled in finding little sale treasures at stores and garage sales, and liked to share her homemade treats and strawberry freezer jam with others. If you came to Helen and Marv’s house, you would almost certainly find a homemade pie, cheesecake, or cake on the kitchen table for anyone to indulge in. Helen was also known to spend countless hours decorating beautiful birthday cakes for her children and grandchildren throughout the years. Her delicious buttercream frosting recipe is a staple in the Kostanecki family.

Helen loved her brothers, sisters and brothers in law, many cousins, nieces, nephews,

godchildren, and friends, including two girlfriends she met in school 75 years ago. She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers Archie, Phil, Mitch, Hank, and Bob.

Helen is at rest, and her family will forever hold her close in their hearts and memories, comforted that she is reuniting with her parents, siblings, and other family and friends that she has not seen in a long time. Her beloved cat Carly will miss her mama.

The family will hold a short graveside service at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Emmet, MI on Friday, August 14, 2020 at 10:30am. An outside lunch will immediately follow at Goodells County Park – Pine River Pavilion to celebrate Helen's life. In lieu of flowers, please consider an outdoor plant or a donation to the Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph (<https://www.thecapuchins.org/ministries/detroit>), one of Helen's favorite charities.

Cremation arrangements in care of, Jowett Funeral Home, 1634 Lapeer Avenue, Port Huron.

To view the obituary and share memories, please visit www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com

Comments



“ Helen Kniaz Kostanecki. Our Aunt Helen. A heart filled with kindness, compassion, and love. Truly a beautiful soul. Our Aunt Helen. We will always love and miss her. May God bless her.

Kenny and Tina Kniaz

kenneth kniaz - August 17 at 02:35 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Helen Kostanecki.



August 13 at 04:48 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers of support are with you.

Everett and Janet Eissenstat
Alexandria, Virginia

everett eissenstat - August 13 at 02:41 PM



“ Steve & Betty Washko purchased the Peace, Prayer Blessing Sympathy Basket for the family of Helen Kostanecki.



Steve & Betty Washko - August 10 at 07:37 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Helen Kostanecki.



August 06 at 09:28 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Helen Kostanecki.



August 06 at 08:50 AM



“ Jack & Beverly...Jeff & Alice...Kenny & Freida... purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Helen G. Kostanecki.



Jack & Beverly...Jeff & Alice...Kenny & Freida... - August 03 at 03:02 PM