



Helena T. Hendrickson

September 6, 1938 - November 7, 2021

Helena Hendrickson (nee Dombrowski), age 83, of Clinton Township, passed away on November 7, 2021. Helena was born September 6, 1938 in Detroit. She completed her bachelor degree in education at Wayne State University and her masters degree in administration and supervision at University of Michigan. Helena's career included teaching in Detroit, Michigan, Northridge, California, and Warren, Michigan as well as Primary Language Arts Consultant at Warren Consolidated Schools.

Helena was married to Paul Hendrickson for 55 years and tended to his needs as he suffered with Parkinsons, in the later portion of their marriage. Helena is survived by her brother, Leonard (Mary) Dombrowski of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, nephews, Mark (Suzanne) Dombrowski and Scott (Alison) Dombrowski, and nieces, Donna (Ted) Patrick and Ellen (Michael) Robinson. She was preceded in death by her parents, Chester and Teofilia Dombrowski, her twin brother, Richard Dombrowski, sisters-in-law, Barbara Dombrowski and Leslie Dombrowski, and husband, Paul.

Helena was an excellent seamstress, and also loved ballroom dancing, gardening, and playing her digital piano. A private memorial service for Helena will be held at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Twp., Michigan.

Tribute Wall

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“*Helena Hendrickson was a teacher, a colleague, but, most importantly, a friend. I remember this tall, elegant woman leading a language arts workshop early in my career. She was so serious about her topic, but yet, so knowledgeable. There wasn't a question or situation for which she didn't have a logical answer.*

Years past and our paths crossed many times. She was impeccably dressed always (I found out she made all her clothes and many other garments) and ALWAYS serious about her area of expertise, language arts. She led Warren Consolidated Schools in becoming a leader in early elementary learning.

When a position in the language arts department opened, I applied and was selected. That's when I learned how forward thinking and what a sharing person Helena was. Soon we became partners in many projects. I found out many of her other talents. She and her husband, Paul, were accomplished ballroom dancers. She loved gardening. She loved the theater. My nickname for her was “the queen” which she eventually came to like.

Even after we retired from our careers, we would occasionally be at the same store or theater production. She was a treasure!

*Be at peace, my friend,
Craig Thomson*

Craig Thomson - November 15, 2021 at 01:41 AM

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As a parent of two boys who were fortunate enough to participate in language arts activities, Mrs Henderson was ALWAYS there. She wanted nothing but the best for her students. As recently as last summer she would be seen at concerts to see her students, including our son perform. Mrs Henderson will never be forgotten, nor will her love of the students.

Dance on "Queen".

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“*Helena was a colleague of mine in Warren Consolidated. She shared a love for reading and writing with all. She was knowledgeable and an expert in her field. One lighthearted lesson she brought into the classroom was her love of trolls. Those silly little creatures we collected in the 60's. She would line them up and describe each one. This all led to an exciting writing 🖋️ activity. Close to the end of her career she head up a program in language arts that assisted all elementary teachers in literacy. The amount of work was astounding. She freely shared her knowledge and I am grateful. Mary Ann Bielski*

Mary Ann Bielski - November 14, 2021 at 09:28 AM