



Helen Ernesti

March 20, 1927 - December 1, 2018

Helen Ernesti, 91, of Belvidere died Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018 in Rockford. Born March 20, 1927 in Chicago, the daughter of Dino and Josephine Danesi. Married Rolland Bieze in 1945 in Chicago, he preceded her on Dec. 5, 1958. She then married Lawrence Ernesti from 1966-1977. At a young age, Helen worked in a glove factory, sewing gloves for welders in the US Army. During her marriage to Rolland she worked at Bieze Brother Catering in Chicago and after moving to Marengo she worked at Marengo Ridge Golf Course as well as Coils in Huntley. Helen spent her time taking care of and enjoying time with her family and she dearly loved her fur baby Molly. Her favorite hobbies were making ceramics, crocheting afghans and doing crossword puzzles. Survivors include her four children, Joyce (Ronald) Bauman, Rolland Bieze, Jr., Warren (Debbie) Bieze and Kevin Ernesti; ten grandchildren, Kenneth (Beth) Bauman, Krista (Jason) Salcedo, Kelly (Brian) Pargman, Joseph (Megan) Bieze, Zachary and Jacob Bieze, Ashley (Andy) Altenhoff, Aaron Johnson, DJ and Lea Zimmerman; nine great-great-grandchildren, Randall and Renee Bauman, Alyssa and Tyler Salcedo, Austin and Skylar Pargman, Madison and Jordan Bieze and Hailey Altenhoff, many nieces and nephews and loving friend, Heidi Mains Zimmerman. Helen was preceded in death by her seven older siblings, Joseph, Gino, Caesar, Danny, Raymond Danesi and Joeseoph and Edward Tarnow.

Memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, January 5, 2019 from 9-11 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 6821 Main Street, Union, IL. A celebration of life and memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. in the church.

Donations in Helen's memory may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of Illinois, 1 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60602 or Northern Illinois Hospice, 4215 Newburg Rd., Rockford, IL 61108.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 5. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John's Lutheran Church
6821 Main Street
Union, IL 60180

Memorial Service

JAN 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Helen Ernesti.* ”



January 04, 2019 at 12:27 PM

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“ *Fred and Ronnaleigh purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Helen Ernesti.* ”



Fred and Ronnaleigh - January 02, 2019 at 12:32 PM

LO

“ *Our birthdays were one day apart. I cherish the friendship and celebrations , I dearly miss my friend.* ”

Lizzie Ogden - January 01, 2019 at 02:41 PM

BJ

“ *Even Though Helen wasn't my Mom, she was the best Mom I had in High school.* ”

Big John - December 25, 2018 at 01:00 AM

AS

“ Aunt Helen was always such a special and interesting lady. She had fun stories about her childhood and growing up in the Danesi clan of 5 brothers and 2 step brothers. She was always aware of what was going on with them and would tell us how they lovingly taunted her while looking after their sister. As time went on, the brothers passed but aunt Helen still remembered lots of family history. She loved her children and was so proud of each of them, equally of her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She could tell you every achievement each one had. My special memories include the night of the Our Lady of the Angels school fire in 1958 when Uncle Bieze (as we called him) and aunt Helen drove from Des Plaines to make sure my sister Susan and I were safe after learning that the school fire took numerous little lives that terrible afternoon. I'll never forget that concern they had for us...never.

Other memories include visits at Ron and Joyce's farm, family reunions and being silly with the crazy games we played, for keeping up with being glamorous, and so much more. Aunt Helen, you'll be missed. Guess God needed another angel so he picked YOU!!!!

Annette Szafran - December 17, 2018 at 10:40 PM

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Love you forever...sooo enjoyed those visits and lunches..never forgot to bring those CANNOLIS..your life was so interesting and your knowledge of our family history was so enriched by your recollections and experiences. Thanks for all you shared..Dolores

Dolores Orlik (Danesi) - December 27, 2018 at 12:25 PM

TG

Tracy Grant
I too enjoyed Aunt Helens stories of the past. She would tell me that my father Joe Tarnow looked so handsome in his US Navy uniform and that he would always bring her presents. I enjoyed my visit with her many years ago and continued to call her to chat and hear about my cousins and their children she was so proud. I already miss her and I know everyone else does too, especially Molly!!

Tracy Grant - December 31, 2018 at 03:10 PM

RS

I loved staying with Aunt Helen out at the farm. Those were the happiest days of my childhood. I remember her hair and makeup were always done. And her beautiful blue eyes. She was a beautiful lady and will be missed.

Roni Schmidt - January 02, 2019 at 12:25 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Ernesti.* ”



December 15, 2018 at 09:45 PM