



Helen J Endres

December 3, 1922 - November 17, 2016

Traverse City – Helen J Endres, 93, passed away Thursday, November 17, 2016 at Munson Hospice House surrounded by her family.

Helen was born to John and Helen (Moe) Anderson on Sunday, December 3, 1922 in Muskegon, MI. She was the first female to work for the Muskegon Police Department. She joined the department in 1942 and worked for the Chief of Police as his secretary for several years. She married Jacob Endres and together they had 4 children, whom survive. Jacob and Helen moved to Traverse City in 1955 and she was active in the St Francis Church Altar Society and the Funeral Luncheon Committee.

She will be remembered for her incredible sense of humor. She was a fun loving person who always had a smile on her face. Helen loved to dance, especially to Dixieland Jazz and Swing music. Perhaps it was her Scandinavian heritage, but she loved to cook and entertain. There was always a plate of cookies or sweets set out when guests would arrive. Helen was very active in 4-H with the 'Kookie Cookers', which was a group of her two sons and their friends with whom she taught how to cook. Helen loved all that Northern Michigan had to offer, including the Cherry Festival, summer and beaches and the fall colors.

She is survived by her daughters Mary Ferris of Traverse City and Ann (James) Abfalter of Traverse City; sons William Endres of Traverse City and Richard Endres of Lansing, MI; brother William (Dot) Anderson of Mobile, AL; grand children Emily Abfalter, Hanna Endres, Natalie Endres and Andrea Endres.

She was preceded in death by her husband Jacob Endres; parents John and Helen (Moe) Anderson; sister in law Elaine (Vicky) Anderson; son in law George Ferris; and daughter in law Lisa Endres.

A visitation will be held Sunday, November 20, 2016 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, with a vigil service at 7 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be

held on Monday, November 21, 2016 at 11 a.m. at St. Francis Catholic Church, with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. Father Ken Stachnik will officiate services.

In her memory, contributions to the Hospice House, c/o Munson Medical Center Regional Foundation, 1150 Medical Campus Drive, Traverse City, MI 49684; Meals on Wheels, 3963 three Mile Road, Traverse City, MI 49686 or the St. Francis Building Fund, c/o GTACS, 123 East Eleventh Street, Traverse City, MI 49684 would be appreciated.

Events

NOV **Visitation for friends and family** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

NOV **Vigil Service** 07:00PM

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NOV **Mass of Christian Burial** 11:00AM

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St. Francis Catholic Church
1025 S. Union, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

NOV **Visitation for friends and family** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Dear Mary, Ann, Bill and Dick,

I know how lonely it feels now that Aunt Helen has passed, but I know that she will always be watching over you. I remember travelling to Traverse City with Grandma Anderson on the Greyhound Bus to visit when we were all kids. Aunt Helen was a gracious and generous person...a wonderful wife and mother. Take heart in the knowledge that she is happily reunited with Uncle Jake, her mom and dad and everyone she loved and cared for. I wish you peace.

Your cousin,
Kathi Gillespie

Kathleen Gillespie - November 22, 2016 at 12:37 PM



“ Dear Ann Jim and Emily. Am so sorry for the loss of your mom, mom in law and grandmother. By all accounts she was a beautiful soul inside and out, and it also shows in the family she left behind. Namaste Helen. May you be surrounded by peace and your family who was waiting for you.

kathie macchioni - November 20, 2016 at 07:06 PM



“ As her youngest son in-law I ended up spending a certain amount of time in emergency rooms with her while Jake, her husband, was still around. Down in Lakeland FL one time we were in the emergency room and it was quite busy. Behind the curtain next us was a rather inebriated young man named Chuck. Well Chuck had a fractured leg and no insurance so he was getting care, but sort of minimally. They were putting an inflatable cast on his leg and he started saying, "I gotta go to the bathroom.". They kept telling him just a minute Chuck. All of a sudden he sings out in a loud voice, "Too late". And then we hear them say oh shit Chuck, you just need your pants! We both broke out in a great loud and long laugh. It really helped that long night go by with everything else that happened during the long hours.

James Abfalter - November 20, 2016 at 04:18 PM



“ Grandma Helen will most certainly be missed... I loved how she liked to show me baby pictures of Emily, tell me about Grandpa, and share of her Scandinavian dinner tradition.

Paige - November 20, 2016 at 09:29 AM



“ Helen was the absolute best grandmother ever. I will always cherish our trips the farmers market and bathroom chats!

Emily Abfalter - November 19, 2016 at 06:15 PM



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Barbara (Endres) Curtis - November 18, 2016 at 06:27 PM