



Helen Poorman Schmitt

December 5, 1929 - June 21, 2020

It is with heavy heart that we inform you of our mother's passing this week. She led a full and active life and will be dearly missed. Christmas time was always a special time for her, and she loved hearing from you. The news you shared with her, she in turn shared with us. Thank you for remembering her.

Helen was born December 5, 1929 in Havertown, PA, having lived in Drexel Hill, PA and Scarsdale, NY. She graduated from Scarsdale High School and from Paine Hall in NY and attended the Associated Colleges of NY at Plattsburg. Most of her adult life was spent in Syracuse. She worked as a secretary for Vick Chemical, Iron Age Magazine and What's New in Home Economics.

She earned her Associate's Degree in Nursing in 1980 and worked for 10 years at Crouse, Upstate Medical and Community General Hospitals as an RN. She also worked for Visiting Nurses. She was a devoted member of Fairmount Community Church (United Church of Christ) having served many years as a Deacon and in many other capacities; and was a member of Martha Circle.

Volunteering was important to her and she was a charter member of Community General Hospital Auxiliary; a 4-H leader for ten years, and a Meals on Wheels and Onondaga County Health Dept. volunteer. She loved it.

She was a member of Westvale Golf Club for years and was an avid golfer. Baldwinsville Travelers was a favorite and she did programs there.

Helen was a devoted wife of 66 years to Robert Sr. who passed away in 2017 and a mother who loved her family and friends so much.

Survived by; son Robert (Ethel) Schmitt, Jr. of Cicero, NY.; daughter, Virginia (Russell) McGibbon of Venice, FL; five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Due to the Covid 19 virus, a Memorial Service will be held in June of 2021 at Fairmount

Community Church. An announcement will be made online and in the Post Standard several weeks in advance of the service. Arrangements by B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, Camillus.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Fairmount Community Church Memorial Fund, 126 S. Terry Road, Syracuse, NY 13219.

Please sign her guestbook at www.BLBUSH.com

Comments



“ Ginny and Mo:
Sending thoughts your way from Pennsylvania.
Your Mom was always one of the nicest Moms in the neighborhood.
Scott Jackson

Scott Jackson - July 03 at 10:10 AM



“ Dear Ginny & Bob...
Just read about your Mom's passing in the Sunday paper...so sorry for your loss.
Three memories stand out...playing in your bedroom - Ginny - while growing up, your
Dad mowing his perfectly trimmed lawn while having a cigar and later on - your
Mom's help when she came over to see what she could do to lend a hand for Mom
and I when Dad was at the end of his life. Mom and I were so grateful. My last
impression of her was one of a friendly neighbor who was willing to help. I have great
memories of growing up in the hood - Red Light, Green Light, Hide & Go Seek and
block parties. Prayers and thoughts sent your way...take care and be safe...Amy
Jackson Scicchitano.

Amy Jackson Scicchitano - July 02 at 09:44 PM



“ Dear Ginny and Bob Jr., Our heartfelt condolences to you both on your Mom's
passing, she was a kind and caring friend to us, as well as my Mom and Dad, for so
many years! It was comforting already knowing them when we joined FCC. Could
always count on both your Mom and Dad to inquire about the health and we'll being
of my parents, as well as visiting them. Sure had fun living in the old neighborhood,
too!! Love, Tina Sharp Wirth and Bill Wirth

Tina Sharp Wirth - July 01 at 02:51 PM



“ Thank you Tina for your sweet words. Yes, indeed good friends,good neighbors,and good
Christians. I can see us hanging out in the old neighborhood! Blessings,Ginny

Ginny - July 02 at 04:11 PM



“ I was a volunteer at Francis House and am a retired RN. I so enjoyed visiting with
Helen and talking of the “ old days “ in nursing care. Avery lovely lady, May she rest
and be blessed in peace.

Tobey Fischer

Tobey Ames Fischer - June 29 at 12:44 PM



“ Thank you Tobey. She was quite the gal and missing her greatly. mom loved to talk about nursing!! Thank you for sharing. Blessings,
Ginny

Ginny - July 02 at 04:13 PM



“ Helen was a very dear person. I knew Helen and Bob from FCC. When my children were small, she and Bob sort of adopted us. She used to make apple turnovers for my kids and pot roast for my husband. She took my youngest daughter (who was 3 at the time) and myself every week for a couple years to a Bible study in Skaneateles. I will treasure all her words of wisdom and her kind, caring nature. I celebrate her release from illness and imagine there was quite a party in heaven when she was reunited with Jesus and Bob. My prayers are with you, that God will surround you with love and fill you with peace as you miss Helen.
Pam Kelsey-Gossard

Pam Kelsey-Gossard - June 29 at 09:35 AM



“ Dear Schmitt Family,

Please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of your mom.

I met Helen through tennis, we enjoyed a good match, as well as a good time and sportsmanship.

May your memories provide comfort and time the gift of acceptance.

With sympathy,
Carol Sweet

Carol Sweet - June 29 at 05:30 AM



“ Ginny and Bob, So sorry to hear of your Moms' passing. It brings back alot of memories of the neighborhood gang. We were all idiots but boy did we have fun. My sympathies to the to you all. Gary Schiller

Gary Schiller - June 28 at 11:45 AM



“ Hi Gary,
Thank you for your nice note. Yes, a great neighborhood to grow up in for sure..."Red Light,Green Light" and tug of war in your backyard!!

Blessings,

Ginny

Ginny - June 29 at 06:01 PM



“ Ah Helen and Bob! I remember many summer holidays with them, along with Martha and Bill Scriver and my parents Dick and Eileen Hamann. If it was nice outside we were on someone's porch; if it was raining we were in someone's garage - cigars, drink, stories, and appetizers flowing! We were always welcome to join when we were in town. Such good friends, and the end of an era.

Sending love to the Schmitt family,
Marlene Hamann-Whitmore ☐

Marlene Hamann-Whitmore - June 27 at 09:27 PM



“ Dear Ginny and Bobby and all the grandchildren and great grandchildren, I loved Aunt Helen dearly. I loved the way she would always give great big hugs and say, "hi Debbie dear, how are you honey?" I remember when she took Ginny and I to the NY State Fair, I still treasure the sweet decoupage gifts she made for my sisters and I, I remember getting care packages full of old pocketbooks (that may have been hers and Ginny's) that I used to play with, I remember the yummy sweet goodies she made. Over the weekend I will dig around and look for some old photos to share here. It's a changing era and I am sad. However I also know she was very tired and ill for some years. She's now at peace and that's what matters. Virtual hugs to all of you.

Deb Schmitt - June 23 at 07:06 PM