



Helen Marie Benjamin Landmesser

January 1, 1928 - May 12, 2020

“Those we love don’t go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, so loved, so missed, so very dear. -Anonymous”

Helen Marie Benjamin Landmesser passed away at Memorial Hospital on May 12, 2020. Although her death was not caused by COVID 19, the isolation caused by the pandemic had a great effect on her survival. She will be greatly missed by those who loved her. Helen was born on January 1, 1928 in Towanda at the Mills Hospital, the daughter of Audley and Grace (Welliver) Benjamin. She grew up in Durell along with her six siblings. She graduated from Towanda High School in 1944 and went on to Robert Packer Hospital Nurses Training School and graduated in 1948 and was selected from her class to be the Spirit of Nursing representing Florence Nightingale. While in training, she joined the US Army Nurse Cadet Corps. She met the love of her life, Carl, who was one of her patients at the time, and they were married on October 10, 1948. Carl and Helen had three children and raised them in Macedonia. Helen worked as a substitute school nurse in the Towanda School System, as an RN for Head Start, and the Bradford County Historical Society where she later volunteered. She was active in many organizations including the United Methodist Women, The Lady Whittemore Reading Club, Financial Secretary for the French Asylum United Methodist Church, a member of the area square dance group and camping group. She was the leader of the Methodist Youth Fellowship at French Asylum church for many years. She attended the Towanda High School alumni gatherings for the nearly 75 years

since she graduated. She attended and supported the Robert Packer School of Nursing Alumni for many years. Helen and Carl traveled through their retirement journeying to Europe three times as well as Alaska. Helen loved gardening, watching and identifying birds and nature. She mowed her lawn weekly until around the age of 89. Helen especially enjoyed watching her beautiful grandchildren grow and was very active in their lives. She completed crossword puzzles daily and read around 300 books per year. She lived her life as the best person she could be with grace, compassion and generosity. Her family/extended family will deeply miss this last Benjamin matriarch. She was predeceased by her husband, parents, brothers Irvine, Eugene, Steven Dean, Kenneth, sisters June and Janice.

She is survived by her children, Keith (Cheryl) Landmesser, Lynne Landmesser and Connie Sharer, Karen (Gregory) Friedman, grandchildren Jared (Wendy) Landmesser, Kristin Landmesser, Cortney Landmesser, Nicole Friedman (Martijn) Buning and Jennie Friedman. Great grandchildren, Brandon Chandler, Alexis Landmesser, Kensley Gnall, Ethan, Brayden and Addison Landmesser, Thijs Buning. Brother-in-law, John (Bernice) Landmesser, sister-in-law's Louise Benjamin and Barbara Benjamin. Helen had many nieces and nephews whom she adored. She was also survived by her loving and supportive neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Irvine and Sandy Hollenback.

The family wishes to thank Donna Benjamin and her staff at the Towanda Personal Care Home for all of their loving care during Helen's time there. They would also like to thank the Medical surgical staff at Memorial hospital, especially Roberta who cared for her Aunt Helen with love.

A Memorial Celebration honoring Helen's Life to include Helen's large network of family and friends will be held Sunday, July 5th, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the Towanda Country Club with a reception to follow.

A graveside ceremony was held at the convenience of the immediate family in the French Asylum Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in Helen's name to one's own charity, the French Asylum Church or the Bradford County Library. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

French Asylum Cemetery

French Asylum Road
Towanda, PA 18848

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Marie Benjamin Landmesser* ”

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Helen Marie Benjamin Landmesser* ”

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Helen Marie Benjamin Landmesser* ”

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Helen Marie Benjamin Landmesser* ”

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Helen Marie Benjamin Landmesser* ”

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM

DH

“ I was saddened to hear of the death of Helen Landmesser. She was always sweet and gracious to me as I grew up. My late mother, Mary "Molly" Jennings Hawke, was her classmate in the Towanda High School class of 1944. I was always nice to see them together sharing thoughts and memories. I pray that your whole family will be comforted in your time of grief.

Sincerely,
David B. Hawke

Dr. David B. Hawke - August 28, 2020 at 04:22 AM

LN

“ So very sorry for what Helen has gone through lately. She was such a wonderful lady.
I met her at Eastern Star meetings and got to know her.
She will be missed by so many.

Lois Neuber
Deputy Grand Matron
Meshoppen Chapter, O E S

Lois Neuber - August 19, 2020 at 10:00 AM

ES

“ Aunt Helen was so special to me. She thanked me every Sunday for playing the organ at church. Her cards always included precious notes about how she appreciated all Nelson and I did. Passing her home on my way to Wysox brings back fresh memories that will always be with me. You will be missed, Aunt Helen. Thank you for being you.

Elaine Silverstrim - May 22, 2020 at 06:28 PM

MW

“ Keith and Landmesser Family: My heartfelt sympathy on your loss. I'm glad I had the opportunity to visit with Helen when I too was a short-term resident at the Personal Care Home. I loved the stories she related to me, her intellect, and her warm heart. RIP Helen.
Mary Kay Ward, Monroeton, PA

Mary Kay Ward - May 20, 2020 at 02:09 PM

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“ Please accept our deepest sympathy.

VFW Post 1536 - May 19, 2020 at 04:26 PM

RK

My condolences to the family. She was a wonderful lady and wonderful soul. Some of my favorite memories growing up in Asylum Twp. I will never forget her.

Russell Kissell - May 23, 2020 at 05:53 AM

AM

“ I will miss Helen - she was always so thoughtful and always asked how I was doing and my family - my prayers April Maynard

April Maynard - May 19, 2020 at 12:09 PM

RL

“ So very many individuals who enjoy genealogy will always remember with gratitude the efforts of Helen Landmesser. I personally have so many precious memories of Friday nights and Saturday afternoons spent at the Museum with Helen and Gladys Gay. Helen was always in charge and directed Gladys' and my efforts. Those evenings and afternoons have given me a multitude of wonderful memories that I will always cherish. Helen was a wonderfully caring person. My most sincere condolences to out to all of her family who will most certainly miss her earthly presence greatly.

Richard M. Robinson, LL.D.

Richard M. Robinson, LL.D. - May 18, 2020 at 06:18 PM

SA

“ I will miss my “neighbor across the road” as Helen always identified herself on the telephone. We had so many good chats and visits as she shared her memories of the area. I am glad to have been her friend. Sandra Hollenback.

Sandra - May 18, 2020 at 09:38 AM

HB

“ I have many sweet memories of your Mom - she was wonderful, God Bless All of you - Helen Barrett-Snyder

Helen Barrett - May 18, 2020 at 09:31 AM

RS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. She will always be remembered as she was so loved. Deepest sympathy. Bob and Edith

Robert & Edith Selleck - May 18, 2020 at 09:08 AM

LT

“ I was so saddened to hear of Helen’s passing. She and Carl were my wonderful neighbors directly across the street from me for 16 years. I stopped in to see Helen a few times after we moved. She was such a caring and sweet person. I have missed her since moving in 1992. We exchanged Christmas cards every year to keep up with all the news.

My deepest sympathy to to all her children and their families. May she Rest In Peace with Carl forevermore.

Linda Them

Linda Them - May 17, 2020 at 09:29 PM

DK

“ Helen will be deeply missed. She was a dear friend of the family. May God be with her family during this trying time.

David kissell - May 17, 2020 at 02:10 PM

TF

“ I was saddened to read today's paper. A light has gone out from this world, but will shine throughout eternity. Helen was a spiritual mother to me, pointing me to faith in Jesus.

A life that is a blessing to others is a life well-lived, and I'm sure she impacted so many more than myself. I am remiss and sorry that I did not go to visit her in person in recent years after missing meeting her while running errands in Wysox. With deepest, heartfelt sympathy,

Teresa Ellis Forbes

Teresa Forbes - May 17, 2020 at 11:46 AM

VA

“ We are thinking of you....What a wonderful life, well lived, and cherished by those whom Helen touched. Celebrate the lifetime of memories which were created, and rejoice in the promise of everlasting life.

May the sweet soul of Helen rest blissfully, with Carl, in the gardens of paradise.

*With Deepest Sympathy,
Val Gordon- Morningstar*

Val - May 17, 2020 at 10:55 AM

PM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Heaven has gained a wonderful lady. We miss her smile and her laugh. She always made our Sundays when we walked into church. We enjoyed her company. We love you Helen.

Pastor Jean and Francis Montgomery - May 17, 2020 at 07:50 AM

KW

“ Our family got to know Helen through her friendship with our Aunt Sally. Helen was a wonderful sweet lady with a great wit and sense of humor. I remember Sally was always amazed she could do her crossword puzzles with an ink pen and not a pencil! Our sincere condolences for your loss. We will always remember Helen fondly.

Karen Homan Whyte - May 16, 2020 at 07:14 AM