



Helen Novak

May 20, 1926 - August 6, 2015

Helen Novak, 89, of Sayre, passed away peacefully Thursday, Aug. 6, 2015 at Robert Packer Hospital following a brief illness.

Helen was born May 20, 1926 in Sayre, the youngest daughter of the late Ilko “Elias” and Maria (Dubec) Obuch. She attended Sayre schools, graduating in 1944. She was employed with Blue Swan Mills until 1958, and later worked at the Valley TV Cable Company office in Sayre until her retirement in 1988.

After retiring, she spent time volunteering at the Sayre Public Library and, later in life, the Sayre House senior living facility.

On July 16, 1949, she married her childhood crush and next-door neighbor Harry Novak, who preceded her in death in October 1995. In 1958, they found the light of their lives with the arrival of their daughter, Susan, whom they raised in a close-knit family setting with her numerous cousins on both sides. They were devoted parishioners at the Church of the Epiphany, Sayre, where Helen and Harry were both longtime choir members. Through the choir they maintained many of their longest and closest friendships.

Helen was an avid reader, loved music, doing puzzles, cooking and hosting meals. She will be fondly remembered for her devotion to God, her boundless kindness, and her unshakable love and support for her family and friends.

Helen will be forever loved and missed by her daughter Susan Novak Hogan of Waverly, N.Y.; sister Rose Hannis of Sayre; grandsons Shawn and Colin Hogan, both of Oswego, N.Y.; son-in-law Timothy Hogan of Sayre; sisters-in-law Anna Obuch of Elmira, N.Y. and Helen (Anton) Bubniak of Sayre; as well

as numerous very close nieces and nephews on both the Obuch and Novak sides of the family. In her later years, Helen was very grateful to get to know her granddaughter, Stacey Jo.

She was predeceased by her husband Harry; brothers Paul, Joseph (Helen) and John "Jerry" Obuch; sisters Tekla "Tillie" (John) Masluk and Mary (Nicholas) Pryslopski; sisters-in-law Eva (Joe) Calveric, Katherine (Sam) Murray and Mary Novak; brothers-in-law Peter Hannis, John Novak, George (Geraldine) Novak, David (Emma) Novak and Samuel Novak; nephew John Masluk and beloved niece Sophie Prioreshi.

The family will receive friends Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home 314 Desmond St. Sayre, PA. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated Thursday, August 13, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at the Church of the Epiphany, Sayre. Interment will follow in the Ascension of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery, Athens Township, PA.

Memorial contributions in Helen's name may be made to Epiphany Parish, 304 S. Elmer Ave., Sayre, Pa.,

Cemetery Details

Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery

345 Herrick Ave
Sayre, PA 18840

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home
314 Desmond Street
Sayre, PA 18840
(570) 888-2113
info@bowenfuneralhomes.com

Celebration of Life

AUG 13. 9:30 AM (ET)

Church of the Epiphany
304 South Elmer Ave
Sayre, PA 18840

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Novak*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Helen Novak*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Helen Novak*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Helen Novak*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Helen Novak*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM

DW

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you all. May her legacy of love wipe the tears from your eyes and turn them into laughter as you celebrate all she was and always will be...

With love,

D.J. Wright



D.J. Wright - August 12, 2015 at 06:48 PM

PH

“ I had the honor of working with Helen at the Sayre Health Care Center. She always had a smile and kind words everyday. I am so blessed to have gotten to know Helen. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. Rest in Peace Helen.

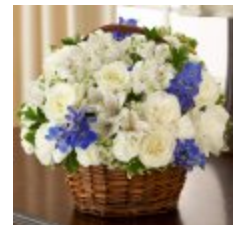
Patsy



Patsy Holcomb - August 12, 2015 at 04:12 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Helen Novak.



August 12, 2015 at 11:23 AM

AH

“ Sue, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.

Ron and Amy Hutchison

amy hutchison - August 12, 2015 at 06:48 AM

KP

“ I don't see mine yet, is there a problem? TY
Karen V. Podlas

Karen Volk Podlas - August 11, 2015 at 05:40 PM

PN

“ Paul & Nannette purchased the White Rose Fires
ide Basket for the family of Helen Novak.



Paul & Nannette - August 11, 2015 at 01:21 PM

GT

“ To the family of Helen Novak, we would like to express our sympathy
and let you know she is certainly missed here. Helen , always had a
kind word and a smile whenever you saw her. From the friends and
tenants of the Lockhart Building

Gary E Talada - August 11, 2015 at 12:41 PM

KP

“ RIP Aunt Helen. My prayers thoughts go out to the whole family, especially, Susan kids. It was delightful to be a part of your life and family, a very special earth angel. You are now with God in Heaven along with all your loved ones who took that glorious journey before you. What a better place to be.. Your spirit lives on forever along with great memories, especially of you and my mom, Katrina... heart warming , all the fun you both had as us children were growing up. I thank you for that. Until we meet again . <3



Love Light,
Karen Volk Podlas

Karen Volk Podlas - August 11, 2015 at 12:29 PM

PN

“ Susan and all, your mother is also my Godmother and I've often thought of her and all of you after I moved away. The times back were infrequent and brief but were always filled with joy and happiness as Helen, and all the family women, was always the biggest part of the reason things were special. I go to adoration 4AM Wednesdays for my hour. This Wednesday will be special.

Paul Novak - August 11, 2015 at 12:08 PM

RF

“ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QtX5H2cbp2U>

Ron Fiorello - August 10, 2015 at 12:06 PM

SU

“ I enjoyed my short time doing Helens hair , we chatted the whole time she always had kind words to share ! She will be greatly missed. Susan Bennett

susan - August 10, 2015 at 07:55 AM

DA

“ TO THE HELEN NOVAK FAMILY & ROSIE HANNIS & FAMILY;

SO VERY VERY SORRY TO READ OF ("AUNT") HELEN'S PASSING..

DARLENE MACNEAL

DARLENE - August 09, 2015 at 05:20 PM