Helen M. (McGeehan) Anderson

September 24, 2017

Helen M. (McGeehan) Anderson, 93, of Lancaster, passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 24, 2017 at home surrounded by her loving children. Born on “Cabbage Hill”, Helen was the daughter of the late Edmund A. and Veronica P. (Gross) McGeehan. She was the widow of the late Milton E. Anderson, Jr.

A 1941 graduate of Lancaster Catholic High School, Helen was employed as a bookkeeper at various businesses over the years, eventually retiring from Breneman Printing in Lancaster. In addition, she was the best mother and role model to her ten children.

A devout Catholic, Helen’s faith was very important to her and she prayed the rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet daily. For most of her 93 years, she was a parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church. In earlier years, she was a member and officer of the St. Joseph Women’s Club and the Golden Hillians Hospitality Club of Sacred Heart. She was also an auxiliary member of the Legion of Mary, a member of the Altar Rosary Society, served as a Sunday Greeter at her parish, and volunteered at St. Anne’s Retirement Community.

In her senior years, Helen was a big fan of Penn State and Notre Dame Football and her children were always amused by the fact that she would try not to miss the televised games.

Helen is survived by her ten children: David E. Anderson, Mount Joy, James M. Anderson, Lancaster, Carol Y. Lichty (Richard), Lancaster; Virginia M. Mitchell (Luke), Lancaster; Jean M. Becker, Ephrata; Joan M. Schwebel

(Donald), East Petersburg; Elaine A. Kump (John), Lancaster; Christine L. Spiess (Terry), Lancaster; Ellen Collister (Craig), Lancaster, and Glenn M. Anderson, Lancaster. She is also survived by 18 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. In addition to her late husband, Helen was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Peggy Anderson, grandson, Michael James Anderson and brothers: Edmund A. McGeehan, Jr., Paul McGeehan, Leo S. McGeehan and Charles McGeehan.

The Anderson children would like to express their gratitude and appreciation to the Hospice nurses who so patiently answered our calls for help and direction and who were so considerate and understanding as they cared for our mother at home.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Helen's Funeral Service at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 440 St. Joseph Street, Lancaster, PA at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 29, 2017 with Reverend Allen F. Wolfe officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Interment will be in St. Joseph New Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Helen's name may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church, 440 St. Joseph Street, Lancaster, PA 17603 or Hospice & Community Care, 685 Good Drive, P.O. Box 4152, Lancaster, PA 17604.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph New Catholic Cemetery

Lancaster, PA

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
440 Saint Joseph Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

Service

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Tribute Wall

Helen M. (McGeehan) Anderson

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM

JF

To the Anderson Family - What a great lady - You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Jerry and Barbara Fulmer.

Jerry Fulmer - October 08, 2017 at 01:28 AM

I was so sorry to hear that Helen Passed away. She was such a lovely lady. I knew her for years at TOPS and learned much about her life. She loved her children dearly and was so proud of all of you. After not seeing her for years, I was so thankful that I ran into her and her daughter at Costco awhile back. It was wonderful to see her and get a hug. What a good long life she lived! Sending my sympathy to her family.

Kim King - October 01, 2017 at 09:59 AM

A(

Sorry to hear about your Mom Ellen. The picture you posted really captures how I remember her. She was always happy and smiling. Prayers for you and your family. Anne Mastromatteo (Harnish).

Anne Mastromatteo (Harnish) - September 29, 2017 at 09:43 PM

Aunt Helen was such a kind and caring person. I didn't see her often as I live on the other side of the country. But when I did see her, she always checked in with what I was up to -I had her undivided attention.
The Anderson family hosted a Christmas night party for many years and it was a major event. How generous to open your house every year and put out a major spread for a houseful of people. Aunt Helen's potato salad is legendary!
I'm so sorry for your loss. She was truly a beautiful person who raised 10 beautiful children.

Tracy McGeehan

Tracy McGeehan - September 27, 2017 at 11:21 PM

CC

Aunt Helen was a wonderful and beautiful person, never a mean bone in her body. She was trusting and forgiving. She will never be forgotten. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Chip & Cyndi (McGeehan) Conover

Cyndi Conover - September 27, 2017 at 11:57 AM

NT

Natalie Trott lit a candle in memory of Helen M. (McGeehan) Anderson

Natalie Trott - September 26, 2017 at 08:27 PM

LC

Dear El, Thank you for sharing your mom with all of us! She was such an incredible woman of faith, inspiration and love. My favorite memory at the beach was after my mom had passed and I gave Helen a Mother's Day card. She made me feel so special.
My deepest sympathies to all of the Anderson family.
Lori Chappory

Lori Chappory - September 26, 2017 at 03:59 PM

Helen was my mom's (Dolores Geiger) best friend....I believe Helen was in my mom's wedding party....prayers for all the Andersons...your memories will keep her alive!

Anne Glouner - September 26, 2017 at 03:15 PM

BS

It difficult to share just A memory when we have so many great ones with our "Mom". We were always welcome with the Anderson clan. We love you guys and hope we can all get through this terrible year without any more heartaches. Bo & Vicki

Bo andVicki Stauffer - September 26, 2017 at 01:19 PM

BG

What more can I say about this great lady! Memaw would always tell people that I was her adoptive daughter! My heart is broken but I have so many memories of her and all of my time being with this family! Some people never experence the love of one mother and family I was blessed with two! My love and support to all❤️ Love, Beetie

Beetie Good - September 26, 2017 at 01:11 PM

SM

Sending peace and love for the whole family from our family, The Mongeau's, Sue (McGeehan), Rick, Jon, Kaci, Kyle, Sarah and Patrick. Aunt Helen was the sweetest person that you ever knew, not a bone was ever rattled in her body if she ever got angry.....she will be missed so much by everyone.

SUZANNE L MONGEAU - September 26, 2017 at 10:26 AM

PV

Ginny, Jean, and Joan,

My condolences goes out to the family. May you find comfort in the memories of a life well lived and a family well loved.

Paul Viscuso

Paul Viscuso - September 26, 2017 at 08:12 AM

TB

Christine & Elaine, Your mom was the best!! So sweet and jovial. I remember her as always pleasant and welcoming and her smile! My condolences to you and all your family. A very sad day.
Theresa Burkhardt

Theresa Burkhardt - September 26, 2017 at 07:08 AM

HB

Christine:
So sorry to hear about your mom. I know how special she was to you. I hope your beautiful memories of your mom bring you and your brothers and sisters much comfort.
Love,
Holly and Bill

Holly Berkebile-Kane - September 25, 2017 at 05:38 PM