



Helen Maureen McFarland

January 26, 1940 - September 8, 2013

ALBANY, NY—Helen Maureen (Abare) McFarland of Krumkill Road, Albany, NY passed away early morning on Sunday, Sept. 8, 2013 after a long and difficult illness. She was 73 years old.

Born in Green Island, Jan. 26, 1940 to Henry and Elizabeth Abare as one of 11 siblings. She lived most of her life in the City of Albany as a homemaker.

Helen is survived by her devoted husband of 57 years, Ivan “Sonny” McFarland of Albany, NY and the loves of her life, her children, Bonnie (Patrick) Rooney of Apopka, FL; Steven (Diedre) McFarland of Lindehurst, NY; Kevin (Jesse) McFarland of Rensselaer, NY; Dorothy (Vincent) Genre of Delanson, NY and Mark (Angela) McFarland of Ballston Spa, NY. She cherished each and every one of her 16 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by her loving sisters Lillian Abare of Virginia; Joyce Firstiun of Ravena, NY; Richard Nestoryak of Schenectady, Robert Nestoryak of Virginia, Shirley Nestoryak of Schenectady, NY and Nancy Miller of Ravena, NY. Helen was predeceased by her siblings Henry Abare, John Nestoryak, Joan Dean, Jean Becker and Diane Weber.

Mom, “Aunt Helen” will be fondly remembered for her deep love and loyalty to

her family, her love of fur-friends and pets and crafting. Most of all, she valued picnics and family gatherings more than anything.

Her husband Ivan remembers his bride as an amazing dancer who he married on St. Patrick's Day, in 1956, after a one week courtship when Helen was only 16 years old. He shares that he "loved her on the first day he met her", will cherish her as a loving mother and will miss her so very much.

There will be no calling hours and services are private by request of the family. A remembrance pot-luck family picnic will be held for friends and family on Sunday, Sept. 15, at 1 p.m. at the homes of her daughter Dodie Genre and grand-daughter Starlene Newcomb, 1568 and 1578 Knox Cave Rd., Delanson, NY 12053. Photos and messages to be read may be mailed to Dodie before Sunday or emailed to markang1@nycap.rr.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Maureen McFarland*

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“ *I love you mom and I miss you,you will always be in my heart always and forever.*

Dodie Genre - February 02, 2014 at 12:09 AM



“ *I will never forget all the fun times we had watching tv sharing stories eating pizza and picking on grandpa. Im so glad my daughter was able to meet such a loving person. I can still see that smile on your face when you held her for the first time.We all will miss you very much and you will forever be in our hearts. I love you grandma.-markie*

Mark Mcfarland Jr. - September 13, 2013 at 06:10 PM