



## Helen K. Napierski

December 23, 1927 - March 22, 2020

Albany-Helen Cecelia (née Kochan) Napierski. On March 22, 2020, Helen passed peacefully from this world, during what she would have described as a glorious sunrise, surrounded by her children.

Born to Michel and Pauline (Heleniak) on December 23, 1927. Helen graduated from the Vincentian Institute. Following high school, she attended Albany Business College and Russell Sage College. Helen met her future husband, Raymond, in the Saint Casimir's choir and the two were married in 1958. Together they raised their three children in Colonie New York.

Helen was involved in her children's activities and was a frequent volunteer at their schools. Prior to her marriage, Helen worked for the NYS Library and when her children were older, returned to her State career, retiring from the NYS Department of Taxation & Finance. After retirement, Helen enjoyed travel, music, theater, reading, and spending time with her family. An avid reader, she enjoyed talking about literature, politics and world events. Her family was always on her heart and mind. She was interested in what they did and supported them with prayer and love. Helen's faith was a source of strength for her and sustained her throughout her life. Helen was proud of her Polish heritage and shared those traditions with her family.

For the past nine years, the Teresian House was Helen's home. While there, she received loving and respectful care. She made many friends there among the residents and staff.

Helen was predeceased by her husband Raymond Napierski, parents, siblings; Joseph, Stanley, and Angela. She is survived by her children, John, Thomas (Susan), and Carol Burger (Steven), and her grandsons, Andrew and Grant. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Helen was our light and we will miss her immensely.

Due to the Corona virus restrictions, funeral services will be private. A celebration of Helen's life will be planned at a later date.

If desired, memorial contributions may be made to the Teresian House in Helen's memory. Teresian House 200 Washington Ave Ext. Albany, NY 12203. To leave a message for the family please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Helen K. Napierski*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Helen was a wonderful and kind woman. I met her at Teresian house while visiting my mother there. Helen was always positive and liked to chat about books, family, and knitting with me. She always greeted my mother. We will all miss her.*

**Mary Furan** - April 29, 2020 at 11:33 AM



“ *Dear Tom, John and Carol,*

*The news of your mother's passing only just reached us over here. We're so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in the love of those around you and in fond memories of your mother. We wish we were over there with you.*  
*André and Jennifer*

**Jennifer Doelman** - April 28, 2020 at 09:12 AM



“ *Carol, I was so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. She was a remarkable woman. Also, full of joy and laughter. I met her at Teresian House where my mother resides. We had many conversations together. She will be missed.*

**Loretta Fantroy** - March 31, 2020 at 11:27 AM

LY

“ Dear Carol, John, and Tom-your mom was a lovely part of our start at Maple Lane. Many fond memories of visits on her back porch. I know you will find comfort in knowing what a great mom she was and what great kids you've been. Our condolences and love,, Laura & Michael

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**Laura Yaub** - March 29, 2020 at 10:28 AM

ER

“ Dear Tom & family,  
So sorry to hear of the passing of your Mom. It sounds like she was a wonderful woman! Hope you and your family are able to find comfort in the good memories!

Sincerely, Ed & Margo Rosen

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**Ed & Margo Rosen** - March 29, 2020 at 08:07 AM

LV

“ I'm so sorry for the loss of your Mom. She was a special lady and always handled everything with such grace. I never heard her say a bad word about anyone. Our bell choir won't be the same without her.

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**Lynne M Vella** - March 28, 2020 at 03:14 PM

JN

“ Carol ,John and Tom .....my deepest condolences for the loss of your mom.You are a wonderful family and your mother was a very special person who will be deeply missed. She always had a smile and a pleasant word for everyone.Again my deepest sympathy for your family.Jack Nealon

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**Jack Nealon** - March 28, 2020 at 07:54 AM

MH

“Helen and I met and became friends before we were married and she introduced me to Polish music and dance. Dances were held downstairs at her family's house on Orange St and it alot of fun! He Uncle and others provided the music. Upstairs in the kitchen her mother was making food. It was delicious! He passing is a great loss and she will be missed. Marcia Hoyt

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**Marcia Hoyt** - March 27, 2020 at 05:37 PM

DC

“Dear John, Tom, Sue and Family

We were very sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. We hope that looking back at the wonderful memories you shared will bring some peace and comfort.

Thinking of you with sympathy,  
Deb & Tony Chrisikos

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**Deborah Chrisikos** - March 26, 2020 at 11:02 AM

KC

“Helen was my Dad's (Bob) favorite neighbor at Teresian House. Her infectious smile always made him feel happy even though he couldn't hear what she said to him. I enjoyed visiting her even after Dad passed; we traded & talked of books. She loved traveling and she appreciated my postcards. A wonderful soul! My prayers are with Helen, her family & her Teresian House neighbors. Godspeed.  
Karen Conners

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**Karen Conners** - March 25, 2020 at 08:07 PM

LW

“ *My sincere sympathy in the passing of your wonderful Mom! Always enjoyed visiting her  
When I was walking down Grounds Place. She was such a lovely lady! She is now at Peace in heaven with your Dad. Sincerely  
LAurie Wheeler*

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**Laurie Wheeler** - March 25, 2020 at 05:06 PM

DB

“ *John, Tommy, Carol, and all the family, I am so sorry for your loss. I have such wonderful memories of Mrs. Napierski, hanging out at the house all the time, swimming, and as the Brownie Troop Leader with my mom. I hope she is sharing a cup of coffee with my mom in heaven, and all the other dedicated parents we grew up with. The passing of that generation is sad indeed.*

*Warm regards, Denise Drozda Benoit*

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**Denise D Benoit** - March 25, 2020 at 01:26 PM

SW

“ *So sorry for your loss , growing up in the neighborhood and even delivering the news paper to your parents, I was honored to know your whole family and always admire the strong family your folks raised. Your mom will live on as a wonderful person to all that had the opportunity to know her. Thoughts and prayers to your whole family.*

*Sincerely,  
Scott Wheeler*

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**Scott Wheeler** - March 25, 2020 at 11:13 AM

AG

“ Dear John, Carol and Tom,

*Our condolences to you and your families on the loss of your dear mom. Helen was a beautiful and delightful person and we, especially my mom, will miss her at Teresian House.*

*You are a beautiful family and may you find comfort in the memories she created for all of you.*

*Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this time.*

*Elsie, Angie, Joe and Mary*

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**Angie Groelz** - March 25, 2020 at 10:49 AM

AH

“ *To Helen's family- I'm sorry for your loss. She was a very special person whom I had the privilege of knowing at Teresian House. I have a wonderful memory of her reading every day to my ALS patient once she lost the ability to hold a book. She did this on her own - no suggestion from staff. Her voice was so soothing that I told her I would like her to read at my bedside when my time was near. She chuckled and said she would be happy to if she was still here. Prayers for your family , Anne Hecht*

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**anne hecht** - March 25, 2020 at 10:23 AM

TD

“ *Dear Thom and Sue, please know that you are in my prayers as you go through this difficult times, remember the good times and celebrate the life well lived. Tim.*

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**Tim DeTraglia** - March 25, 2020 at 08:26 AM

JB

“ Tom and Family,  
Very sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was the light of everyone's lives it seems. I did not know she was from the old St. Casimir parish. She will live on forever in the memories you have. Take care.

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**Joe Brozowski** - March 25, 2020 at 08:17 AM

DH

“ Tom, Sue, Andrew, and Grant,  
Please accept our sincere condolences on your loss.  
With love, Carrie and Dan Hogan

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**Daniel D. Hogan** - March 25, 2020 at 07:05 AM

AR

“ Carol, John, Tom, and family: Sorry for your loss of your mother. She was a sweet woman, very proud of her Polish heritage. She did a wonderful job raising amazing children, sharing her experience. May memories of her keep a warmth in your hearts forever Heaven has gained an angel. May she Rest In Peace, Amen!

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**Andrew Rudzinski** - March 25, 2020 at 06:39 AM

JF

“ Tom, Sue, Andrew, Grant and Family,  
Thinking of you at this time of loss. May your memories bring you peace and comfort.  
Love,  
Joanie & Sky 🌸

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**Joan Faxon** - March 25, 2020 at 06:39 AM



*John, Tom and Carol, I have very fond memories of your whole family growing up on Grounds Place. My mom and I will be celebrating her life virtually with you. Gabriele Pawloff Moriello*

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**Gabriele Moriello** - March 26, 2020 at 08:11 AM