



Helen Bottos

February 11, 1930 - July 13, 2019

Helen Supica Bottos, age 89 of Bloomington, IN, passed away on July 13, 2019. She was born at her home in Gary, Indiana on February 11, 1930. She was the last of the three girls for Simo and Stana Supica. She grew up living a simple life along with her two sisters, Mary and Sophie. They lived through the depression and wars, but they always had their needs met. She attended Lew Wallace school for 12 years and graduated with honors. After she turned 50, she started taking college courses to help with her career.

She met her husband, Louis (Chink) Bottos, through a neighbor, after he returned from serving in the Army. She said she answered her door with her hair curled up in rags when she first met him. They married on June 26, 1949 and had their first son, Gerald, not long after. Sadly, he only lived a few months, but they went on to have 4 girls in quick succession: Carol, Nancy, Sandy and Patti. Then, they decided another son was not in the stars for them! Helen worked as a medical records supervisor from 1967 through 1978 at Ross Medical Clinic and from 1979 to 1984 at the Methodist Hospital in that same capacity. She ended her career with Dr. Kumpol Dennison, whom she worked with from 1986 to 2005. She loved her duties there and her experience working 15 years for the Asian American Society with he and his wife. Helen was always filled with joy and had an endless supply of love. She was constantly adding people to her biological family through her love. As a result, she has a large extended adopted family, filled with many people whom had already lost their own mothers and grandmothers, so she willingly

stepped into that role. She recently said that her family was still growing bigger every day! She had a great listening ear and anyone she encountered felt immediately accepted just as they were. She encouraged others and had sage advice when asked. She had a great faith in God and talked about what she believed with no hesitation or apology. Her faith was her source of joy and she often said that being unhappy or upset really served no purpose, so she wore her smile and tried to stay positive at all times.

She was beloved, and her family was very important to her. There was no shortage of love and joy when she interacted with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. One of her favorite sayings to her family was "I love you more!". It was a game with many to try to get to say it before she could! Helen also had a great sense of humor. She was able to laugh at herself and she said that she was always happy to be the source of laughter for others. Using her ability to crochet and sew, she served her Lord by making afghans, crib sheets, lap blankets for the wheel chair bound, hats for cancer patients and premature babies and was active in her church's prayer shawl ministry. Helen also was a past deacon at Christ Presbyterian in Winfield, Indiana and still served in their church's prayer ministry. She would pray daily for the needs and people listed. Even though she never met or knew many of the people she prayed for, she believed strongly in the power of prayer. She was a current member at First Presbyterian Church in Bloomington, Indiana where she lived.

For the past 6 or 7 years, Helen wintered in Texas where she was an honorary Texan and Methodist. She escaped the cold weather of Indiana and enjoyed two Springs as she loved watching the blooming Texas flowers first and Indiana flowers later when she returned home. She used to tell people she was born a Serbian Orthodox, practiced her whole life as a Presbyterian and she was now a winter Methodist!

Helen was welcomed into heaven and the arms of her Savior, Jesus Christ on July 13, 2019 where she was also reunited with her husband on his 93rd birthday.

She was preceded in death by husband: Louis (Chink) Bottos; and her son: Gerald Bottos; parents: Simo and Stana Supica; sisters: Mary Fick and Sophie Dingman; son-in-law: Fred Hindbaugh. Helen was survived by daughters: Carol (Greg) Glazar of St. Paul, Indiana; Nancy Thomas of Sugar Land, Texas; Sandra Hindbaugh of Moscow, Michigan and Patti (Joe) Bottos-Campano of Valparaiso, IN, Sons in love: James (Pam) Williams of Chesterton, Indiana and Tom (Holly) Thomas of Richmond, Texas; Daughters in love: Deepti Aurora (Devinder) Sachdeva of Fresh Meadows, New York and Bhawana Minty Aurora (Saurabh) Goel of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Grandchildren: Sarah (Daniel) Carnes of Bloomington, Indiana; Tyson Hindbaugh of Moscow, Michigan; Molly (Jim) Vaccaro of Mooresville, North Carolina; Ryan Thomas of Milwaukie, Oregon; Zachary (Kim) Campano of Zionsville, Indiana; Stacey (Matt Calabrese) Thomas of Jersey Village, Texas; Tyler (Angela) Glazar of Montgomery, Texas; Jennifer (David Costa) Campano of Chesterton, Indiana and Becky (Kyle) Johnson of The Woodlands, Texas. Great grandchildren: Cole Carnes, Caelen Carnes, Sarah Sachdeva, Alaina Vaccaro, Payton Glazar, Meghan Sachdeva, Arin Goel, Gemma Campano, Charlotte Johnson, Ryder Glazar, Rocco Campano, Abilgail Johnson, Rian Goel, Eleanor Johnson and Luca Campano. Friends may visit with Helen's family on Sunday, July 21, 2019 from 12-6 pm at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Funeral service Monday, July 22nd at 11 am at Burns (Crown Point). Interment Calvary Cemetery, Portage, IN. w www.burnsfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2701 Willowdale Road
Portage, IN 46368

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **21**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
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Funeral Service

JUL **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SF

“ I have great memories of meeting Helen at celebrations of Serbian Christmas. She was very kind & indulgent to a little blonde girl with a big sweet tooth.

Sharrann Simmons (niece of Mary Fick) - July 22, 2019 at 01:05 AM

AC

“ What a blessing to have known Helen. Peace and love to Nancy, Stacey, and Ryan. Thank you for sharing your mother/grandmother with me and so many others.

Amy Clink - July 19, 2019 at 10:02 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Helen Bottos.



July 19, 2019 at 05:25 PM

MG

“ *What an inspirational life. She blessed so many who knew and loved her at Sugar Land (Texas) First United Methodist Church and our Sugar Mill neighborhood. She walked the talk living out the Bible's greatest commandments: Love God... and Love your neighbors...*

We celebrate a life well lived and your Heavenly eternal home.

Love you Nancy and Stacey.

Prayers for Helen's entire family.

God Bless you all.

Martha and Jerry Gardner

Martha Gardner - July 19, 2019 at 02:25 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Bottos.*



July 19, 2019 at 01:50 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Bottos.*



July 19, 2019 at 11:28 AM

MR

“ I was lucky to have Helen as a neighbor in Hobart. She was kind, thoughtful and always positive. I remember how much she loved having her family come visit, her trips to Blueberry fest in South Haven with her girlfriends and the joy she experienced when the hummingbirds came to her feeder. Her spirit was truly one of love and caring as she welcomed us all in to her family with open arms. She left a mark in this world!

We love you, Helen!!!

Mary, Carole and Wrigley

Mary Reedy - July 19, 2019 at 11:15 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Helen Bottos.



July 19, 2019 at 01:04 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Helen Bottos.



July 18, 2019 at 09:45 PM

CD

“ Chesterton Radiology Dept purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Helen Bottos.



Chesterton Radiology Dept - July 18, 2019 at 03:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Helen Bottos.



July 18, 2019 at 03:05 PM

LF

“ Love, Tom, Ellen, Rick, Sharon, Guy and families. purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Helen Bottos.



Love, Tom, Ellen, Rick, Sharon, Guy and families. - July 18, 2019 at 02:37 PM



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July 18, 2019 at 02:04 PM

LP

“ I am so happy I got to know you over the years. You have been my inspiration of what getting older should be, always smiling always positive and happy . You will be missed , love you dear friend rest in peace. Much love Linda

Linda poplardo - July 18, 2019 at 01:48 PM



“ I was so blessed to enjoy Helen's company on many occasions when she was in Texas. I have many memories of this loving woman. Thank you to all her daughters for sharing your mom with us. She was loved by many and missed by all. Lois

Lois Livingston - July 18, 2019 at 01:44 PM

CF

What a wonderful woman. Sweetest smile, no matter how many of us trooped into her home, she was always smiling, ready to feed us no matter what. Her daughters are so caring just like Helen RIP Dear you will always be remembered with love.

Chris Forker - July 18, 2019 at 05:23 PM

DS

“ Helen was a precious, vibrant soul and I loved to see her when she was down here in the winter as a Texas Methodist. I will always remember her smile and the twinkle in her eye.

Debby Summerlin - July 18, 2019 at 11:08 AM

MO

“ My grandmother was such a special woman! She was so active in her church, had a great circle of friends everywhere she lived, always put family first, and had better style than I do! I am so blessed to have had her in my life! There aren't enough words to show my appreciation for everything she did for me and how deeply I felt her love.

Molly - July 17, 2019 at 11:33 PM

DL

I have known and loved Texas Helen for several years. Have been so blessed to have her in my life! She even loved my late husband Ray and made a prayer shawl for him that I still treasure. Rest in peace Helen, you will be deeply missed.

Denise Luna - July 18, 2019 at 10:45 AM

JR

I'm gonna really miss you Helen, my 2nd Mom.

Loving you always

Jimmy

Jim Regas - July 21, 2019 at 05:56 PM