



## Helen L Dorin

February 19, 1946 - January 11, 2021

Helen L. Dorin, age 74, of Crown Point, born in Gary 2/19/1946 to Stanley and Helen (Hranilovich) Boric entered into eternal rest on January 11, 2021 at St. Anthony Hospital. Loving mother to her five children, Craig (Amy) Dorin of Pittsburgh, PA; Christopher (Mindy) Dorin, Stacie (Scott) Johnsen, Nadine Stash, and Phillip (Kristen) Dorin of Crown Point; Cherished grandmother to Josylyn, Mikayla, Alaina, Chase, Elijah, Owen, Avery, Magnus, Jonah, Hunter, Mavryk, David and numerous nieces and nephews. Sister to Edith (Eugene) Bujdoso of Crown Point, Marie (David, deceased) Tomes of Westminster, CO, Therese Boric of Dyer, Marge Boric (Marsha Raulston) of San Francisco, and Stanley, Jr. of Cincinnati. Helen was preceded in death by her ex-husband Matthew B. Dorin. 2nd generation owner of Boric Religious Supply Inc., Helen was dedicated to helping people learn, live and express their faith. Helen earned the beloved title of "Momma D" by opening her home to several of her children's friends in need of unconditional love and support. The light generated by her life and the love she shared with others made the world a brighter place for all who knew her. Proud of her educational accomplishments Helen graduated from Caroline Academy, attended College at St. Joseph's, obtained an MA from Indiana University and was a teacher for the Diocese of Gary in her early years. Active in her community, Helen was a congregant of St. Mary's Parish, Crown Point and a supporter of the Serra Club. She deeply enjoyed being a long-time choir member. Helen was a board member for the St. John Chamber of Commerce. She also served numerous terms on the

Midwest Church Goods Guild. Helen is an associate of School Sisters of St. Francis and associate of School Sisters of Notre Dame. Friends are invited to celebrate her life on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 from 2-7 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point. A private mass and burial service will be held Wednesday, January 20, 2021. Serra Club Memorial donations in Helen's name may be made to Another Christ Burse, or St. Joseph's Carmelite Home (<http://www.carmelitehome.org/donate.php#donate>). [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 19. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point

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# Tribute Wall

MC

“ I was so sorry to hear of Helen's passing. I did not know Helen very long but for a few years we were pen pals. She and I were connected as Associates at School Sisters of St Francis. Helen wrote of her family and the various ministries that we had in common. What a wonderful kind and wholesome person. I will miss sharing our lives through our writings. Peace and Comfort to Helen's friends and family. She was a blessing to many.  
Marcia Cardin - SSSF Associate

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**Marcia K Cardin** - November 03, 2021 at 12:00 PM

NG

“ I first met Helen when I joined the St. John Chamber of Commerce back in 2008. I served 2 terms on the Chamber Board along with Helen during part of those terms. She was a kind, caring, and compassionate person. She truly loved the community and her Chamber involvement. Helen was a kind and gentle person. I want to extend my sympathies and prayers to the Dorin family.

*Nick Georgiou*

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**Nick Georgiou** - January 20, 2021 at 09:27 AM



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



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January 19, 2021 at 12:56 PM

LW

“ *Each one of us must release the hand of one we love into the hand of One we have not seen. —Max Lucado*



*Sharing your sadness, praying for your comfort.*

*Helen was a very special woman. May she rest in Peace.*

*Laura Wright*

*Franciscan Health Spiritual Care*

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**Laura Wright** - January 19, 2021 at 12:56 PM

DS

“ *Chris I am so saddened to hear of your Mom's passing. She was such a sweetheart. I remember her being in our dance class in Crown Point and talked with her many times at Borics when ordering for our church. I know she will be missed terribly. Keeping you and your family in my prayers.*

*Diana Silvasi*

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**Diana A Silvasi** - January 18, 2021 at 06:23 PM

SK

“ *Helen was a School Sisters of Notre Dame Associate and we loved her joyful, dedicated spirit. We were grateful for her great hospitality when we came to visit. She was a generous and devoted woman who loved our foundress, Mother Theresa of Jesus. Her unexpected leave taking leaves a large hole in our hearts. We grieve with you, her family and friends!*

*Sister Karen Walther SSND and Sister Susan Ann Adrians SSND*

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**Sister Susan and Sister Karen** - January 18, 2021 at 05:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Helen L Dorin.*



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January 18, 2021 at 05:15 PM



“ *Dear Dorin Family,  
With deepest sympathy of the loss of Helen.  
Her gentle smile, knowledge of the Family  
Business, and constant generosity, made her  
one in a million. God Bless each of you during  
this time.  
Sherron and Michael Pampalone*



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**Sherron** - January 18, 2021 at 04:19 PM



“ *Dear Chris and family,  
  
I would like to extend my heartfelt condolences to you and your family. I was fortunate to be able to work with your mother for more than 30 years, and I always appreciated her warm personality and professionalism. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.*

*Sincerely,*

*Tom Pampalone*

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**Thomas A Pampalone** - January 18, 2021 at 12:15 PM

MS

“ *Some of my earliest memories of Helen are from my childhood, watching my parents during their dance lessons with Her and Matt, many wonderful memories at the Grandparents home on Sundays and holidays, and when I was older working with Her at the store. We will all miss Aunt Helen.*

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**Michael Stephen** - January 18, 2021 at 11:58 AM



“ *What a sweet and gentle soul. I have so many fond memories of working with Helen on the board of directors for the St. John Chamber of Commerce and at the annual Corn Roast. Helen was always the "condiments" lady. My condolences to the Dorin family. Our prayers are with you!*



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**Al Konieczka** - January 18, 2021 at 11:45 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Al Konieczka** - January 18, 2021 at 11:43 AM

JR

“ Chris I'm so very sorry to hear this. Your mom was a sweetheart. I enjoyed working with her and you during my time at Ave Maria Press. I'm so glad I was able to meet the two of you when came to Notre Dame. I felt such a connection with you both. I wanted to take care of you personally. Here I am enjoying retirement. Love to you and my deepest sympathies.



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Janice Rajski - January 16, 2021 at 08:41 PM

MC

“Helen and I have been friends since first grade in 1952. She was my best buddy in grade school at Holy Angels Cathedral School. My grandma lived at 720 Fillmore, just one street away from Helen and her family at 710 Pierce. It's very possible I drove the Boric family crazy, because I so often rode my bike to Pierce St to play with Helen. I got to know all her siblings--all of them so sweet and welcoming. Occasionally we would ride our bikes to the small family store on 5th Avenue.

*I left Holy Angels just before 8th grade, but Helen and I kept in touch. I visited her when she was going to high school in Wisconsin.*

*Helen was a bridesmaid at my wedding in 1969, and I was in her wedding. Our firstborn children arrived only a few months apart in 1972, a daughter for me and a son (Craig) for her, and we shared the ups and downs of being a mom.*

*Life got hectic. We were both raising kids and working outside the home, though I knew her life with 5 kids was far busier than mine with 2. I occasionally invited her out to lunch during the summer when I wasn't teaching, but often she said she had too much to do. Once I started working with her for my "retirement job," I came to understand why she was so pressed for time. I worked part-time at Boric's from 2006 to 2018, mainly doing computer work in the back of the store. Helen amazed me with her memory and her in-depth knowledge of her customers and products.*

*Her passing leaves me sad and empty, and I send my love to all her siblings, children, and grandkids.*

*Mary McDougall Certa*

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**Mary Margaret Certa** - January 16, 2021 at 04:47 PM

PC

“ Wanted to extend our deepest sympathy to all of Helen’s family. Helen was a dear friend to all of us and a devoted member of our Small Christian Community. She was so knowledgeable in her spiritual life and contributed so much in our discussions. She was a very good friend, a very kind person and an inspiration to us all. She will be greatly missed. God bless you and hold you in his arms Helen.

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**Penny Pappas & Small Christian Community** - January 16, 2021 at 03:05 PM

JG

“ I have been blessed to know Helen as a friend. She has been a help to me and my family during out times of trouble. I shall miss her smile and laughter and especially her good hearted encouragement. God bless her and her family, Joyce Gertz

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**Joyce Gertz** - January 16, 2021 at 12:29 PM

SE

“ Thoughts, love, and prayers to the Dorin family. Your mom was an angel that walked on earth may she enjoy her heavenly rest. Love always, Sue Elinkowski

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**Sue Elinkowski** - January 16, 2021 at 12:07 PM

EJ

“ Chris & Family,  
It was a Joy to know & work with Helen as we shared many years on our religious catalogue group. I enjoyed her insight, spunk, and humor. Few enjoyed their work and colleagues more. God Bless!  
Eric Johnson

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**Eric Johnson** - January 15, 2021 at 10:07 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Helen L Dorin.*



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January 15, 2021 at 04:54 PM



“ *Dear Dorin Children and Families, Praying that you will have strength at this time. Your Mom and I had many happy and adventurous travels together which I will cherish. She was very proud of all of you and is watching over you now. Love, Aunt Ede & Uncle Gene*

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**Edith Bujoso** - January 15, 2021 at 03:31 PM



“ *It is sad to hear of the passing of Helen Dorin. My contact with her had been few and far between but she had always been magnanimous and kind. She will be missed. May God her eternal peace and joy in the company of the angels. I extend my deepest sympathy to her family during this time of grief.*

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**Sr. Evelyn Ovalles, SP** - January 15, 2021 at 03:21 PM

RY

“ I have absolutely zero negative memories regarding Helen. She was always an optimist, a woman of faith, a person of good cheer, and someone who would go the extra mile for anyone no matter how tired she was herself.

*I am sure that Helen has a special place in heaven, reunited with loved ones lost through the years and making plans for when she sees those she left behind.*

*Rest in peace, Helen. You certainly deserve it!*

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**Rev. Michael Yadron** - January 15, 2021 at 03:10 PM

DN

“ Helen was always helping people and was a person that had a heart of gold. Her dedication to all Catholics was second to none. She helped me a great deal when it came to purchasing religious articles for my personal ministry or through St. Anthony Nursing Home. Helen will truly be missed. Chris you hold Mom in your heart and continue her legacy by continuing her Boric Ministry. God Bless You and your family. Deacon Brian Nosbusch

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**Deacon Brian Nosbusch** - January 15, 2021 at 02:58 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Helen L Dorin.



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January 15, 2021 at 02:37 PM

PM

“ *Patti McLaughlin lit a candle in memory of Helen L Dorin*



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**Patti McLaughlin** - January 15, 2021 at 12:40 PM

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*Chris and Family, I'm so very sorry to hear of the passing of your dear mother. May you find comfort in the days ahead and may the angels lead your mother into paradise.*

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**Patti McLaughlin** - January 15, 2021 at 12:42 PM

FM

“ *To Chris and the family*

*We here at Nativity of our Savior are praying for you and with you. Thank you for your mom and here many years of service and ministry. She truly was a faithful servant.*

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**Fr. Kevin McCarthy** - January 15, 2021 at 11:48 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Helen L Dorin.*



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January 15, 2021 at 11:02 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Helen L Dorin.*



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January 14, 2021 at 11:30 PM



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



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January 14, 2021 at 05:45 PM



“ *Helen was an incredible School Sister of Notre Dame associate. She drove to the Milwaukee area to attend meetings even when it was risky. Her beautiful sharing of ideas always showed such spiritual depth. I remember when my birthday came one year ...she sent a humorous "nun" card which certainly made me smile. Her connecting to the Indiana associates will certainly be a loss, but all of us in the Milwaukee area will miss her much. Sister Rosie Bonk, SSND*

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**Rosemary Bonk** - January 14, 2021 at 04:46 PM

SC

“ *Dorin Family - I am deeply saddened over the passing of your Mother, Sister, Aunt, Grandma. She was a strong, steady, faithful servant of our Lord and Savior; and I know there are many stories of her life, exemplifying her love of family, friends and God. May focusing on those times help guide you all through your journey of grief. Helen Doran was a remarkable woman.*

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**Sue Cuffia** - January 14, 2021 at 04:19 PM

MZ

“ *She was always helpful and kind to a great many people, in my family and the community! She will be missed.*

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**Mike Ziemkowski** - January 14, 2021 at 03:53 PM

VP

“ *Dear Dorin Family, Tenderly, may time heal your sorrow....Gently, may friends ease your pain...Softly, may peace replace heartaches...and may warmest memories remain. We are holding you close in thought and prayer. Mrs. Potter & Family*

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**Virginia Potter** - January 14, 2021 at 10:59 AM