



Helen Marie (Komacek) Staruch

May 20, 1934 - February 1, 2021

Helen Marie (Komacek) Staruch, age 86, loving wife of Stephen Staruch, passed away peacefully on Monday, February 1, 2021 in the Pottstown Hospital. Born on May 20, 1934 in LaBelle, Pennsylvania, she was the daughter of the late Albert and Helen Komacek.

Helen graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Elementary Education from California University of Pennsylvania, (fka California State Teachers College), where she met her future husband. Upon college graduation, she was an Elementary School teacher in the Brentwood section of Pittsburgh. After marrying, Helen and Steve moved to Butler, PA where she continued to teach at the elementary level prior to raising her family. Helen was also a piano teacher and vocal instructor until the age of 82 privately in her home and at the Portersville Christian School in Portersville, PA.

Her family was the most important part of her life and she relished every minute with them. A great fan and supporter of the arts, she worked with the Musical Theatre Guild in Butler, PA, and attended concerts, lectures and events in the Butler, Slippery Rock, Pittsburgh and Youngstown, OH areas. A dedicated teacher when it came to her music students, she enjoyed entertaining and travelled with her students to perform at nursing homes and assisted living facilities whenever she had the opportunity. An avid gardener, she spent countless hours in her yard perfecting the landscape and scenery.

Helen was also a woman of great faith who supported many in their times of need. She was a member of the St. Paul Roman Catholic Church in Butler, PA.

She is survived by her four children, daughters MaryHelen Staruch, VMD, fiancé of Frank, of Ocean View, DE, Elizabeth "Liz" Staruch, of Phoenixville, PA, and sons Steven Staruch, husband of Naomi, of Minneapolis, MN, and Peter Staruch, husband of Bridget, of Lake Orion, MI; One brother, Philip Komacek, husband of Serafine "Sally", of Belle Vernon, PA; One sister-in-law, Nancy Komacek, of La Belle, PA; Three loving grandchildren, Samuel, Lauren, and Claudia Staruch and two step-grandchildren, Natalie and Patrick Steimel, of Lake Orion, MI; And countless nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, Helen was preceded in death by three siblings, Albert Komacek, Jr., Richard Komacek, and Patricia "Patty" Kinnick.

Friends will be received from 12:00 pm to 1:00 PM on Saturday, February 20 followed by a brief service at 1:00 pm at Campbell Ennis Klotzbach Funeral Home, 610 South Main Street, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania. Covid protocol will be in effect. Officiating will be Rev. John J. Newns. Burial will be held privately at the convenience of the family in the Calvary Cemetery, Butler, PA after a memorial service at a time to be determined in Butler, PA. Contributions may be made to Little Sisters of the Poor (Pittsburgh), Operation Smile or Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council. Condolences may be made by visiting www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell Ennis Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **20**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

FEB **20**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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“ *Christine and I would like to extend our sincere condolences to you Mary Helen, Elizabeth, Stephen, Peter and family. We have fond memories of our get togethers when she came to Michigan for various festivities. Her presence was always a pleasure. You have our deepest sympathy. May she rest in peace in Heaven.*
Christine and Don Kreibich

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