



Helen M. Seguin

April 30, 1947 - March 5, 2021

Helen Matuskowitz Seguin, 73, of Spring City , PA died March 5, 2021 after a valiant battle with cancer. She was the beloved wife and constant companion of the late David C. Seguin.

Helen was born in Philadelphia on April 30, 1947 to Eleanore Sue (Haimbach) and Edward J Matuskowitz. She graduated from the Lankenau School and Community College of Philadelphia. Helen was employed by the Academy of Natural Sciences in the ornithology department and by the National Park Service, working at Valley Forge Park for many years before retiring from Hopewell Furnace Park.

As a girl, Helen loved summer vacations in Muskoka Ontario with her family and cousin, Bobbi Landell. The days were spent swimming in the lake, boating, playing with dogs, cats, rabbits, an occasional raccoon, and enjoying the company of Ma and Pa Ruch, cottage owners.

Helen was an accomplished, professional-level seamstress, from designing and sewing her own wedding gown to making a baptismal gown for her niece, to beautiful hand work. She also was a spinner and weaver with her own looms. Helen shared her abilities and love for the somewhat lost arts by teaching others how to do tatting and lace making. She and David met while participating in Civil War Re-enactments, an activity they loved, wearing

authentic costumes, often sewn by Helen.

Next to David and her family members, Helen loved her dogs. She had a very long line of pets, beginning with Virgil and ending with Mia, Wags and William. Her pets brought her and David much joy, and she loved being surrounded by them.

Helen is survived by her brother, Joe Matuskowitz (Mary) of Greensburg, PA and very loved nieces and nephews. Ned (Edward Anthony) Matuskowitz of Dallas Texas, Anne M Pecsek (Chad) of Natick MA, Andrew J Matuskowitz (Elizabeth Gilbert) of Charleston SC, and Madelaine M LeBlanc (Paul) of Ft. Mill SC, and all the Greats, Silas and Forrest Pecsek, Rook and Orion Matuskowitz, and Jane, Annie, and Beau LeBlanc, also her aunts Celeste Benson of Anchorage AK and Gretchen Choate of Fresno CA as well as numerous cousins everywhere, and her brother-in law Michael Seguin of Gettysburg PA.

The family thanks her neighbor-friends whose care for and friendship to Helen for years was immeasurable, specifically Dora Bloom, Robin Sexto, and Patricia Maziarz.

Due to COVID restrictions funeral services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Helen's name to The Scleroderma Foundation: 300 Rosewood Dr. Suite 105, Danvers, MA 01923 or by phone 1-800-722-4673, or to Montgomery County SPCA, 1059 Sweisford Rd, Perkiomenville, PA 18074.

Arrangements are being handled by the Cattermole-Klotzbach Funeral Home. Condolences may be offered online at www.RoyersfordFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ 2 files added to the album Aunt Helen



Anne Pecsek - March 21, 2021 at 07:53 PM

CZ

Helen was a wonderful friend who made many clothing items for me. I hadn't seen her in a few years, and found this...such a sweet, caring and talented soul. Rest in peace.

Charlie Zahm - September 26, 2023 at 09:02 PM

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“ We loved seeing Helen every year at our local train show in Syracuse NY. Even after her husband passed Helen would continue to make the long trip every November. The kids enjoyed her pup who sat in her own folding chair as Helen would work on her projects which was usually making thread/yarn with her spinning wheel. Our condolences to her family, she will be missed.

~Salt City NTRAK

Salt City NTRAK - March 15, 2021 at 08:08 PM

JH

“Helen was a wonderful, caring person, an amazing seamstress and lover of our nation's past. It was so fortunate that she and Dave found each other and together they shared so many great adventures. I don't know what Dave would have done without her love and caring in his final years, sincere testimony to the person she was and how she will be remembered by "her pards" in the 53rd Pennsylvania. We were so fortunate to have her share her time with us and will sincerely miss her.

John and Carmen Heiser

John Heiser - March 09, 2021 at 09:07 PM

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“Helen was an integral part of the Vincent Mennonite Sewing Circle in Spring City. She did hand quilting on any number of baby quilts that were then donated for new babies. She also loved to serve us tea from her elegant tea infuser and into her lovely tea cups and saucers. We enjoyed learning about bobbin lace and tatting. We will miss the way you brought life and color to our gatherings, Helen.
Linda Lindberg for Vincent Mennonite Sewing Circle.

Linda Lindberg - March 09, 2021 at 12:27 PM