



Helen Josephine Dikun

December 6, 1924 - February 21, 2023

It is with sadness and joy that we celebrate the passing of our mother, Helen Josephine Dikun (nee Piela) on February 21, 2023. She celebrated her 98th birthday in December 2022. After a brief illness, she has now joined her husband Peter in eternal life. They shared 65 years of marriage. Born in 1924 to Katarzyna and Michael Piela, she was the youngest of their children. She leaves behind her treasured family: her son Garret and his wife Susan, her son Mark, and her daughter Cynthia and her husband Stephen Novak. Helen always enjoyed spending time with her 7 grandchildren: Michael Dikun, Marci Charlip (Larry), Chad Dikun, Bryan Dikun (Lynn), James Novak (Leia), Nicole Jackson (Sean) and Melissa Novak. She was blessed with 5 great grandchildren: Ella Dikun, Brayden Linderman, Madelyn Jackson, Keira Novak, William Linderman and the upcoming birth of another great granddaughter. If asked she would tell you that her family was her greatest blessing in life. Her family loves her very much, and we will all miss her deeply as she was the foundation of this family.

After graduating Garfield High School, she moved to Wallington with her parents. When Peter joined the United States Navy, she said she would wait for his return and then marry him. She was a bookkeeper at Curtiss-Wright Corporation in Wood-Ridge, NJ, doing her part to support the war effort. They married in 1946 after he safely returned home. She then worked at Passaic General Hospital until she gave birth to her first child. Raising her family was

her priority now. While she raised her family, she was the original 'Work from Home' bookkeeper and rental agent for Bay Breeze Cottages in Ortley Beach, NJ and Connie and Piela's, in Normandy Beach, NJ. Both were family seaside vacation properties. In 1972, she joined her husband's adventure and became the bookkeeper for his company, Table Ready Meats. They worked together until their retirement. She also enjoyed tending to the flowers in her garden and the different travel excursions that they took together. Helen is a 78-year devoted parishioner of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Church of Wallington, NJ, and longtime member of the church's Rosary Confraternity. She served as Treasurer in 1990 and 2004 and as Vice President in 1992.

Often others would ask her the secret to her longevity to which she always replied that daily prayer gave her continued strength. Her daily prayer is: 'Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. Knock and it shall be open onto you'.

She is predeceased by her husband Peter, her parents Katarzyna and Michael, and her siblings Violet Mihalik and Edward Piela. She is loved by her surviving sister-in-law Julia Strusiak and many cousins, nephews, nieces, and devoted friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org/donate), Foundation to Eradicate Duchenne (<https://duchennemd.org/general-donation-form>) or The John Theurer Cancer Center (92 2nd St, Hackensack, NJ 07601).

Please click the link below to see Helen's Memorial Photo Slideshow:

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/SDFMCHH4NT3BD4X7>

Cemetery Details

St. Michael's Cemetery

120 Saddle River Avenue
South Hackensack, NJ 07606

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **24.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kamienski Funeral Home of Wallington
106 Locust Avenue
Wallington, NJ 07057

Visitation

FEB **25.** 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM (ET)

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Wallington, NJ 07057

Funeral Mass

FEB **25.** 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus R.C. Church
127 Paterson Avenue
Wallington, NJ 07057

Burial

FEB **25**. 10:15 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Josephine Dikun*

September 27, 2023 at 07:17 AM



“ *My Cioci Helen was so dear to me and like a second mother while I was growing up. She was always smiling and cheering me up. I couldn't imagine my life without her. I will miss her greatly. I know she is with the Lord in heaven along with my uncle Pete and the rest of our family. No longer in pain or crying. I will always love you.*

Richard Mihalik - March 01, 2023 at 09:44 PM



“ *My condolences to the Dikun family. Mrs. Dikun lived across the street from me as we were growing up. Both Mr. & Mrs. Dikun were wonderful to everyone around. She was certainly a loving mom and everyone that met her knew she was a special person. God bless the whole family*

Carol L Koziol - February 28, 2023 at 10:52 PM



“ *Cynthia Novak lit a candle in memory of Helen Dikun*



Cynthia K Novak - February 28, 2023 at 09:49 PM

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“ Our heartfelt condolences to the Dikun family. We had the pleasure of knowing Mrs Dikun our entire lives and will truly treasure her legacy. May God bless Mrs Dikun and the entire Dikun family.



Paul and Maryann Stepien - February 24, 2023 at 05:59 PM

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“ May Helen Rest in Peace. Sincere condolences to Gary, Cindy, Mark and the entire family. With sympathy, Alan & Roseann Juszcyk, Passaic,NJ

Alan Juszcyk - February 24, 2023 at 04:44 PM

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“ Aunt Helen was a sweet lady who was a huge part of my dad's life and our family's also. She and my grandma/her sister, Violet, we're quite the siblings, and Aunt Helen and Uncle Peter were quite the couple—they were always bantering and making us laugh. She was a joyful woman who loved God, her family, her friends, and kept up her house nicely always as well as always looked very ladylike. She was good at drop-in and planned hospitality as well. We love her and will miss her! Our sincere condolences to all who loved her. The Opie Family

Dawn Opie - February 23, 2023 at 09:34 PM

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“ One of my favorite memories was when I was visiting my grandmother, Violet, with my two young daughters. We drove to the shore to enjoy the beach and visit Helen, Cindy, and Melissa. It started pouring rain and flooding, so we all packed into the bungalow and spent the night. We had lots of fun, a big pajama party. She was a sweet, fun lady. Loved her so much.

Laura Ladeau - February 22, 2023 at 08:13 PM

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“ All my memories of Aunt Helen are of her smiling and enjoying life ! What a wonderful woman, mother, wife and Aunt. I'm sure Uncle Pete is getting ready to polka with his love. Prayers of peace to the family. Michele Shigo

Michele Shigo - February 22, 2023 at 05:45 PM

 Joseph
LoBuono

“ My sincerest condolences to the Dikun family. Take strength and comfort in a life exceptionally well lived. Her family is a tribute her life. Rest in peace. - Joe LoBuono

Joseph LoBuono - February 22, 2023 at 05:35 PM



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Anthony Pagano - February 22, 2023 at 01:45 PM