



Helen E. Thompson

March 2, 2023

Helen E. Thompson, of Wildwood, N.J., age 91, passed away unexpectedly, but peacefully, on March 2, 2023, while visiting family in Florida. Born in the Cross Keys section of Washington Township, N.J, Helen was the daughter of the late Robert and Edith Carey. She spent her younger years on the family farm prior to moving to Mount Ephraim, where she grew up and attended school. She worked at Doc Latta's drug store where she met her husband of 42 years, Le Roy "Bucky" Thompson. Helen graduated from Audubon High School Class of 1949. Shortly after Graduation she and "Bucky" were married and continued to live in Mount Ephraim where they raised their 6 daughters. She devoted her life to her family. She enjoyed their annual vacations in Wildwood and holiday celebrations, always making them extra special. The gatherings at her Mother's and sister Edith's homes were always so much fun. In 1965, she ventured into waitressing at Green Valley Farms where she became a favorite of the customers for many years.

In her new role as "Gammy" she bestowed the same selfless love on her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was always there for Plays, Recitals, Cheer and Ballgames.

She has been enjoying her trips to Ft. Myers Beach and Orlando with her family. She loved touring the countries in Epcot, sampling different cuisines and beverages. She loved to shop, spend a day at the casino with her sister Doris and friends, and to play Bingo. Helen was a lifelong Phillies follower and a huge Eagles fan.

Last but not least, she was very dedicated to her daily Scripture readings, prayers and Rosary. Don't call her at 7:30 AM!

Helen is survived by her sister Edith Souders and her six daughters: Sharon Mannella, Edith Jackson (App), Barbara Latini (Mike), Donna Kenney (Rich), Debbie Dougherty (Pat), and Helen Elliott (Tony).

Beloved grandmother of Joey Mannella (Evann), Danny Mannella (Jess), Keith Jackson (Justine), Kevin Jackson (Mary Julia), Michael Latini (Joy), Tony Latini (Ashley), Jacqueline Morson (Drew), Patrick Dougherty (Natsumi), Ryan Dougherty (Jen), Stephanie Curran (Steve), Jessica Hauck (Ed), Katrina Kind (Richard), Charles Guerro, Dan Giordano (Gina), and Alicia Grunewald (Jeremiah). Also survived by her 17 Great Grandchildren with one on the way, and many nieces and nephews.

Helen was predeceased by her brother Robert Carey Jr., sister Doris Dintino, and sons-in-law Joe Mannella and Loren Grunewald.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend her viewing on Monday, March 13, 2023 from 10:30 AM to 12:15 PM at The Catholic Community of the Holy Spirit, Mullica Hill Parish Center, 17 Earlington Avenue, Mullica Hill, N.J. 08062 (856) 478-2294 followed by Mass of the Christian Burial at 12:30 PM. Interment will be at 3:15 PM at Atlantic County Veterans Cemetery, 109 Route 50, Mays Landing, N.J. 08330.

In lieu of Flowers, the family is requesting donations in Helen's memory be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or at www.stjude.org.

Cemetery Details

Atlantic County Veterans Cemetery

109 Route 50
Mays Landing, NJ 08330

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 13. 10:30 AM - 12:15 PM (ET)

Catholic Community of the Holy Spirit Parish Center - Mullica Hill
17 Earlington Avenue
Mullica Hill, NJ 08062

Mass

MAR 13. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

The Catholic Community of the Holy Spirit
17 Earlington Avenue
Mullica Hill, NJ 08062

Tribute Wall



“ *Everytime I read something about gam or think about her and cry I always finish feeling guilty that I didn't do anywhere near enough for her than she did for me, and i know i didnt Maybe her teaching us all how to love is the beginning of the next chapter of her family. Thank you gam for all the trips to wildwood. Thank you for all the trips to Mack's and the arcade. Thank you for being Georgies best teacher and spending time with her and Josephine. Thank you for teaching me what real wealth is. Thank you for coming to my soccer games. Thank you for being my godmother. Thank you for so many christmas memories and always giving me more than joe. Thank you for helping take care of my dad. Thank you for always being there and loving me. Thanks gam, I love you so much.*



Dan Mannella - March 13, 2023 at 12:25 AM

RD

“ For a very long time I was fortunate enough to have a ‘Gam’. Someone who took me on long walks on the beach, searched for seashells, calmed me when irritated, and celebrated with me in my happiness. You always greeted me with the same cheerful “Hey Ry”, and at the end of the day left me with the biggest smile ear to ear. From Pittsgrove to the jersey shore, from Florida and wherever the occasion took us, I couldn’t ask for anything more than I got. You shed light on what family is supposed to be, made me want to be a better kid, and ultimately now a better father. I was blessed to be born into a family with a mother and father who undoubtedly wanted the best for me, and five aunts who did whatever they could to shape my life into a bright future that I have now. Through this I gained the support and everlasting bond I have with all my Thompson cousins. There is not one of us that can say we will not miss our gam, but there is not one of us that will be able to deny how proud we are to be the grandchild of Helen Thompson. You are gone but your legacy will live through memories, Christmas eves, and lessons best taught through someone who really wanted the best for all of us. Love you.

Ryan Jenn Avery and Oakley Dougherty



Ryan Dougherty - March 12, 2023 at 08:38 PM

BL

“ Since we moved to the shore mom’s favorite thing to do was to go to the Seashell for ice cream. Mike was very lucky because he usually joined her. She always said just 1 dip because they were so big but on occasion she had no problem finishing 2 dips💕🍦💕 really going to miss her💕



Barbara Latini - March 11, 2023 at 02:47 PM

Jacqueline Morson

“ Too many memories to count. She loved spending time with her grandkids and her great grandkids! A few weeks ago, Izzy had a fashion show at school, and was so happy that Gam got to watch her. Gam was the most stylish person I knew, so she was the perfect person to take to a fashion show.



Jacqueline Morson - March 11, 2023 at 09:58 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Helen E. Thompson.



March 10, 2023 at 02:56 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Helen E. Thompson.*



March 08, 2023 at 12:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Helen E. Thompson.*



March 07, 2023 at 07:37 PM