



Mrs. Helen L. O'Brien

February 18, 1931 - March 26, 2021

Helen L. O'Brien
Saginaw, Michigan

Helen Louise O'Brien, age 90 years, of Saginaw, Michigan, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 26, 2021. She was born in Gilford, Michigan on February 18, 1931, to the late August and Valeria Breitzkreitz. Helen was a 1949 graduate of Saginaw High School. She was married to William J. O'Brien, and after 62 years of marriage, Bill predeceased her on March 13, 2017. Helen was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. She worked many years for Dr. John Wolfe, retiring in 2003. Helen will be remembered for her strong faith, her kind and gentle spirit, and her love of life. She also enjoyed reading and spending time with her family. Helen especially cherished watching her children and grandchildren participate in sporting events.

Surviving Helen are three sons and their spouses, Michael (Vanessa) O'Brien, Rockford; James (Elizabeth) O'Brien, Saginaw; Donald (Debra) O'Brien, Saginaw; seven grandchildren: Megan (Adam) North, Caitlin O'Brien, Sean O'Brien, Courtney (Brian) Soule, Christopher Farrell, Michael Gauthier, and Connor O'Brien; five great-granddaughters: Piper and Dylan North, Lacey, Hannah, and Jade Soule. Helen was preceded in death by one son William O'Brien, one sister Hannah Zelmer, and five brothers Julius, Rudy, Carl, Edward, and Fred Breitzkreitz.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 3, 2021, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 600 Court Street, Saginaw, Michigan. The Reverend James F. Krueger will officiate. Helen was laid to rest in Roselawn Memorial Gardens. Friends are welcome to visit with the family at the church from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. For those not able to attend the funeral, Helen's service will be Livestreamed through Holy Cross Lutheran Church at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7xZ5ILYLxRDB1n24eBOvzw>

In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to the Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Online memories and condolences may be shared with the family on her memorial website at WakemanFuneralHome.com

The family would especially like to thank Nancy and her staff at Symphony Tri-Cities for the extraordinary care they took of Helen while she was there.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens

950 N. Center Rd.
Saginaw, MI 48638

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
600 Court St.
Saginaw, MI 48602

Funeral Service

APR 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Saginaw, MI 48602

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Helen L. O'Brien*

September 13, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Mrs. Helen L. O'Brien*

September 13, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *I worked with Helen at Dr. Wolfe's office until she retired. Helen was a Gem, she was always kind, smiling, sharing stories of her family. She is back with her beloved Bill and her Son Bill. Rest in peace you Beautiful soule. She will be missed. Kathie and Dusty Carlton.*



Kathie Carlton - March 31, 2021 at 09:55 PM



“ *My condolences to Mike, Jim, Don and families. Your Mom was a very special person. She always had kind words and an interest in how everyone was doing. We are thinking of all of you and sending our love.*

Tim & Lori Dunn

Timothy Dunn - March 31, 2021 at 05:05 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Helen L. O'Brien.*



March 31, 2021 at 11:58 AM



“ *Sending love and prayers to my O'Brien cousins. Aunt Helen always remembered my birthday with a card for many years. She was very sweet. I have many fun memories of our Tawas vacations. Peggy & Doug Klann*

Peggy Klann - March 30, 2021 at 08:26 PM



“ *Condolences to Mike, Jim and Don. Your mom was always very nice to me whenever I was at your house those many years ago on N. Wayside. Great childhood memories of growing up.*
-- Jerry Kent and the Kent family

Jerry Kent - March 30, 2021 at 06:39 PM