



Helen I. Sunlin

March 15, 1938 - August 29, 2022

Helen Sunlin, age 84, of Gobles, passed away on August 29, 2022 at her home in Gobles with her family by her side. Helen was the daughter of George and Rosabelle Fenton, born on March 15, 1938, in Gladwin, Michigan. She traveled with her family, living in many parts of Michigan until her family settled in Hopkins. That was where she met her husband, Nick Sunlin, who survives her. They were married November 9, 1957. After they were married, they settled in Nick's hometown of Gobles. She was a homemaker most of her life. Her children called her a Domestic Engineer. When she wasn't taking care of her family, she enjoyed baking, reading and traveling looking at the beautiful sites in Michigan -- the lighthouses and the waterfalls in the Upper Peninsula. Her passion was her family. For her, family came first and foremost in anything that she did. Also surviving her are her children, Dale (Cathy) Sunlin of Lawton, Lori (David) Brooks of Mattawan, and Julie (Tyler) Becker of Galesburg; her grandchildren, Aimee (Patrick) Benedict, Erin (Ryan) Venno, Alexis (Rocky Farrell), Sunlin, Marisa (Shant Mutafian) Sunlin, Taylor (Michael Wilson) Evans, Delaney Becker, and Nolan Becker; her great grandchildren, Cameron, Hailee, Colton, and Jack; a sister-in law, Karol Fenton; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother, George Emmett Fenton. According to her wishes cremation has taken place. The family will meet friends on Saturday, September 17 from 11 AM until 12 PM followed by a memorial service at 12 PM, at the Gobles Chapel of the D.L. Miller Funeral Home, Pastor Daniel Brooks officiating.

Inurnment will take place at a later date in Kendall Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials be made to the Gobles Public Library or Wings of Hope Hospice of Allegan.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Gobles Chapel
208 West Main Street
Gobles, MI

Memorial Service

SEP 17. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AF

“ Nick I am so sorry I did not know you lost Helen until just now. You have been on my mind. For as long as I can remember my dad talked about you guys and you guys were such great friends to my parents. I know I havent seen you in way to long but would love to. My heart hurts for you she was a great person love Amy Fuller

Amy Fuller - January 14, 2024 at 06:27 AM

LR

“ Helen was one of our favorite patrons at the Gobles library. She didn't read a book, she consumed them! When she came into the library and I was lucky enough to be working, I would ask her what was for dinner. She always had a full menu for Nick. No sandwiches for him! She is an angel in heaven. I was the lucky one to have met her. Thank you Helen for all that you are!

Laine Reisch

Former Employee of VBDL-Gobles branch.

laine reisch - November 18, 2022 at 11:02 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen I. Sunlin.



September 13, 2022 at 04:13 PM

HN

“ So many great memories seeing Helen when I was young. Such a funny, sweet person. Thinking of you all. Xoxo.

Haley Newburry - September 09, 2022 at 09:19 AM

AL

“ *Helen always made me laugh she had a special way of talking to you.
You always new she was at a sporting event cheering on the family & teammates, she made her presence known.
May you all keep the faith during this difficult time.*

Alice Lossie - September 08, 2022 at 01:18 PM

EJ

“ *Helen was such a great person, she was always so friendly every time you saw her! I offer my condolences to Nick and the family at this sad time, may the love of God be with you all!*

Ed Jeschke - September 06, 2022 at 08:13 AM

BV

“ *Helen was a remarkable woman. Her dedication and love for her family never wavered. She was loyal tp her friends and kind to strangers. To top it off Helen was a lot of fun and was a great storyteller I will miss her..*

Betsy Vidmar - September 05, 2022 at 12:19 PM

PF

“ *Poffenberger Family lit a candle in memory of Helen I. Sunlin*



Poffenberger Family - September 02, 2022 at 01:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Helen I. Sunlin.*



September 02, 2022 at 11:51 AM



“ *So many fond memories growing up visiting the Sunlin house. She was always warm and welcoming. I most appreciated the playful banner and the occasional "Look" she gave. Priceless! She will be missed.*
Steve and Yvonne Wheeler

Steven Wheeler - September 01, 2022 at 07:26 PM



“ *I will miss her sassy spirit.*

April - September 01, 2022 at 12:38 PM



“ *Brings a tear or more. The words won't come. So very sorry.*

Judy - August 31, 2022 at 09:51 PM



“ *Dear god
Where do I start, she had to have been the funnest mom on the planet, I spent many a days at the Sunlin home.
We played penny poker at their house, and almost always she ways playing right along with us.*
James Boyer

James Boyer - August 31, 2022 at 06:05 PM

MF

“ Was always such a pleasure to chat with at the grandkids games and had the chance to enjoy her wonderful cooking on many occasions. She will sadly be missed. ❤️

Miller Family - August 31, 2022 at 12:14 PM

RB

“ You'll be missed! Always with a smile on your face! Rest in Peace!



rochelle boyer - August 30, 2022 at 07:52 PM

VS

“ Vicky Souza lit a candle in memory of Helen I. Sunlin



Vicky Souza - August 30, 2022 at 05:30 PM