



Helen Elizabeth Zelinger

September 2, 1931 - May 7, 2022

MT PLEASANT — Helen Elizabeth (nee: Jorgensen) Zelinger, took the eternal journey to meet her maker on May 7th, 2022, surrounded by her loving family. She was a lifelong resident of Racine, born on September 2, 1931, the daughter of the late Carl and Cora (nee: Andersen) Jorgensen. Helen was a graduate of Washington Park High School and Dana College.

On June 26, 1953, she was united in marriage to Dan Zelinger at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, where she had been an active lifetime member. Helen was a past president of the Church Council, Sunday School teacher, member of the choir and various women's groups.

After raising six children, and enjoying their accomplishments, she worked as a certified Occupational Therapist at Lincoln Lutheran Home and Oak Ridge Care Center. For over 30 years Helen was an active Realtor. She was Broker/Owner of Nichols & Zelinger Real Estate for eight years, was a member and past president of The Racine Board of Realtors and served on many state and national committees.

After retiring in 2003 she enjoyed mentoring at Gilbert Knapp School and volunteering at Faith Works Lutheran Church food bank.

Over the years Helen and Dan loved to travel, visiting all seven continents and more than 110 different countries. In her leisure time she enjoyed golf, playing cards, knitting prayer shawls, and most recently, painting.

Helen is preceded in death by her beloved husband Dan Zelinger, and great grandchildren Brooklyn Longley and Savannah Longley.

Surviving are her children, David (Cherie) Zelinger of Shawano, Paul (Jodi) Zelinger of Pewaukee, Jan Vlasak of Racine, Joan Zelinger of North Prairie, Melanie Zelinger of Sun Prairie, and John (Belinda) Zelinger of Goodyear, AZ; grandchildren Amy (Dianna) Zelinger, Kelli Zelinger, Rachel (Jay) Longley, Kate Zelinger (Michael Isberner), Frank Zelinger, and Philip Camren. She is further survived by great grandchildren Riley Longley, Elliott Longley and Ethan Zelinger and two nieces and a nephew.

Helen's memorial visitation will be held at Sturino Funeral home on Friday, May 27, 2022, from 4 p.m. until service time at 6 p.m. with Rev. Tracy Polzin officiating.

She will be laid to rest at Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in a private ceremony.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Helen in a special way may direct memorials to The Boys and Girls Club Shawano, Racine Theater Guild, Racine Zoo or to Living Faith Lutheran Church.

Cemetery Details

Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery

21731 Spring Street
Union Grove, WI 53182

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home
3014 Northwestern Avenue
Racine, WI 53404
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Memorial Service

MAY 27. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ To Helen's family,
I met this wonderful, full of life and happy lady in Spring 2017 when I moved my mother to Primrose. My mother, Ruth, lived in that hallway and enjoyed putting puzzles together with the rest of them. She also enjoyed petting Helen's cat!! Ruth passed away 3 years ago, but I kept in touch with Helen via the phone. I loved her outlook on life and enjoyed every talk we had. Together with my siblings, we send our very sincere sympathy and pray the wonderful memories you share will be smiles and comfort to your hearts.

Lisa (Hafeman) Maves

Lisa Maves - June 03, 2022 at 10:18 AM

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“ I got to know this wonderful lady when Melanie began painting with me online and introduced the virtual paint parties to her Mom. The hydrangea painting that I shared in the photos I was told was the very first time she had ever painted! She was an absolute natural and became quite prolific at it. The photo of her with the birds painting that she ended up hanging on her door as welcome to all friends especially touched my heart. Although I did not know her in person, I was very touched by her choice to join me and paint, and I thank Melanie for sharing her with us in our paint club. My deepest sympathies to the family. I know you have lost a gem. Sending my love, Linda Dalziel



Linda Dalziel - May 29, 2022 at 09:26 PM

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“ My sympathies to your family. Many good memories from Webster picnics years ago.

Heidi Olson - May 27, 2022 at 06:00 PM

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“ I was blessed to have met Helen and Dan while attending a church service at Our Saviors. They were both so kind and welcoming. I ended up becoming a member of Living Faith and enjoying many coffee hours and attending Rebecca's Circle with Helen. She and the ladies of Rebecca's Circle were an inspiration to me. They truly love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God bless the Zelinger family during this difficult time.

Brenda Meyer

Brenda Meyer - May 19, 2022 at 09:44 PM