



Helen L. Schmitz

April 16, 1934 - November 23, 2023

Mineral Point - Helen Lucille (Palzkill) Schmitz, age 89, of Mineral Point passed away Thursday, November 23, 2023, peacefully after a short illness at the Upland Hills Nursing and Rehab surrounded by her loving family.

She was born April 16, 1934 in Dodgeville, WI at St Joseph's Hospital to John and Catherine (Rock) Palzkill. She grew up in Hollandale. While attending St. Mary's grade school in Mineral Point she lived with her Grandmother Annie Rock. Helen graduated from Hollandale High School in 1952. That summer she worked at St. Joseph Hospital in Dodgeville in the kitchen before enrolling in the first Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) class offered at Madison Vocational & Adult School in Madison, WI 1953. She obtained her license in October, 1953 and returned to St. Joseph Hospital until she was married in 1954. They moved to the Schmitz Family farm in Kendall Township where they continued the beef operation which began in 1877. In 1974 after all her children were in school, she obtained employment at the Mineral Point Care Center. She worked there for 32 years as a nurse. After retirement she volunteered. Helen was a member of the Mineral Point Wrestling Club spending countless hours enjoying and supporting the wrestling community. In 1998, Helen & Curly were inducted into the Al Bauman Wrestling Hall of Fame. Helen was an avid supporter of the Mineral Point School District and Mineral Point Athletics throughout her life, and was honored as the 2018 Homecoming Parade Marshal. In 2012 the farm was recognized as a Century Farm at the

Wisconsin State Fair.

Mom was always up to the task at hand, driving tractor, unloading hay, home DIY projects, making treasured gifts, gardening, sewing or just having a lovely meal ready. She was well known for her family celebrations, apple dessert, pasty and turkey & dressing. Mom was our biggest fan and made it a priority to attend children & grandchildren's functions. She loved garage sales and heading "south". She was an active member of St. Mary's and St. Paul's Parish. She instilled the importance of family, prayer, the power of St. Anthony and being faithful thru better or worse.

Mom was the heart and soul of our family. Her love knew no limits, and she lived every moment for us. From the smallest joys to the grandest gatherings, she made each memory special. Her passing on Thanksgiving feels almost like a nod from above, as she always poured her love into making our holidays extraordinary. While her physical presence is missed, her love and warmth will forever shape our lives. She was our Thanksgiving blessing, now resting peacefully in the arms of God.

She married LaVerne "Curly" Schmitz on June 19, 1954 and were married 58 years. Together they raised eight children. Doug (Kris) Schmitz, Dan (Benita) Schmitz, Connie (Bob) Tibbits, Marcia (Greg) Tonkin, Mark (Jody) Schmitz (of McFarland), Scott (Carol) Schmitz, Michael (Tamara) Schmitz, Todd (Angie) Schmitz, all of Mineral Point. Twelve grandchildren; Tierney (Brian) Keyes, Torrie (Ryan) Hutchison, Todd (Jasmine) Tibbits, Ashley (Justin) Tibbits, Tyler Tonkin, Samantha (Cody) Beyer, Lucas (Laura) Schmitz, McKenzie Schmitz, Boone and Logan Schmitz, Brooke Eagan, Brandon (Danyra) Wilson; 16 great grandchildren Aidan and Brennan Keyes, Justice and Maverick Hutchison, Paxton Tibbits, Landry and Maddox Tibbits, Ava and Jaxon Beyer, Palmer and Miles Schmitz, Olivia Wilson, Keeley and Evie Eagan, Jake and Anna Wilson.

Helen is survived by sisters Dorothy Dodds and Kay Oomens, brother Gene Palzkill, and sister-in-law Barb Schmitz.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband LaVerne; parents, father-in-law and mother-in-law; William and Margaret Schmitz, sisters Mary Carey Nihles, Patricia Stromer Bemus and brother Norbert Palzkill, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; Jacqueline Palzkill, Myrna Palzkill, Dale Carey, Jim Dodds, Fred Oomens, Robert Stromer, and Vic Bemus, Kathleen (Stan) Nicholson, Harold Schmitz, Donald (Margaret) Schmitz, Bernard (Marilyn) Schmitz, John (Mary) Schmitz, Kenneth (Marian) Schmitz, Joe (Marlene) Schmitz, William Schmitz, and Janice (Ralph) Pittz; and many nephews, nieces, and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, December 1, 2023 at 11:00 AM at Ss. MARY & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH in Mineral Point. Fr Alex Carmel will officiate. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery. A visitation will be held on Thursday, November 30, 2023 from 4:00 until 8:00 PM and from 9:30 until 10:50 AM on Friday all at Ss. MARY & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH. A luncheon will follow at the Quality Inn in Mineral Point.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

700 Dodge Street
Mineral Point, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 30. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ss. Mary & Paul Catholic Church
224 Davis Street
Mineral Point, WI 53565

Visitation

DEC 1. 9:30 AM - 10:50 AM (CT)

Ss. Mary & Paul Catholic Church
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Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's & St. Paul's Catholic Church
224 Davis St
Mineral Point, WI 53565-1113
(608) 987-2026

Tribute Wall

CR

“ I worked with Helen at the Mineral Point Care Center for 13 years. She was a warm & caring nurse to all the residents. May you keep her legend alive and be thankful for all the wonderful memories you have.

Carol Richardson - December 07, 2023 at 09:33 AM

CN

“ Helen was one of the most beautiful souls I have ever known. I have such fond memories of sleepovers at your house. Your mom was always so welcoming with such a sweet laugh. She and Curly was such great neighbors and was always ready to help those in need. She loved you all so very much, but now she is reunited with Curly. I hope you find comfort in all your memories. She will surely be missed!!



Carol Nielsen - November 30, 2023 at 11:48 PM

LF

“ Helen was not only a mother to her children but to all of us kids in our farming neighborhood. I will forever be grateful for having her in my life. To everyone in her family we wish you all peace and comfort.
Lois and family.

Lois Marr Federman - November 30, 2023 at 04:52 PM

KR

“ To the Schmitz Siblings - Helen was a great person. She always had a wonderful smile. She will certainly be missed. The Retallicks

Keri Retallick - November 30, 2023 at 03:33 PM

DL

“ Mrs. Schmitz and Curley...that's how I addressed them. Many memories of them throughout our years on County O and County Line 4-H. She was always so nice and pleasant. Will miss her smile and one of the people that ground me to Mineral Point. She lived a good life and has a great family to carry on. My thoughts and prayers lifted for the Schmitz family.

Donna M Linnebur - November 29, 2023 at 03:20 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen L. Schmitz.



November 29, 2023 at 03:05 PM

BF

“ Betty, Chad, Jason Coyier and Families purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Helen L. Schmitz.



Betty, Chad, Jason Coyier and Families - November 29, 2023 at 11:50 AM

BF

“ Betty, Chad, Jason Coyier and Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen L. Schmitz.

Betty, Chad, Jason Coyier and Families - November 29, 2023 at 11:50 AM

DN

“ *Helen was a wonderful neighbor for many years. She was thoughtful, warm, and a beautiful person. May the memories her children hold in their hearts bring them comfort as they mourn her passing.*

Donna Clauer Nelson - November 29, 2023 at 12:05 AM

KE

“ *Sorry for your loss to all the families and friends. She will be missed but always remembered. Blessings to all*

Kim Enzenroth - November 27, 2023 at 06:41 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen L. Schmitz.*



November 27, 2023 at 09:13 AM

SB

“ *My sympathy to Helen's family for their loss. She was a great lady!*

Sharon I byrne - November 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM

DL

“ *Mark & Jody and the entire my family my sincere condolences!*
Dave Loker

Dave Loker - November 26, 2023 at 02:22 PM

RM

“ Sending my sympathy to all of Helen's family in your loss of a lovely lady. She was a classmate to my husband, Dick, and he and "Curly" were great buds for years. The four of us had good times at their class reunions and many occasions in between. Treasure the good times you all shared with her. Rosalie May

Rosalie May - November 25, 2023 at 10:07 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Helen L. Schmitz.



November 25, 2023 at 06:46 PM

CS

“ Aunt Helen was so much more than my Aunt. Over the years calling and talking to her helped me when I no longer could call my own mom.
Some of my most cherished memories are of playing at the house.

Cathy Stromer - November 25, 2023 at 12:44 PM