



Helen C. Keplinger

September 13, 1939 - May 23, 2022

Helen C. Keplinger, 82, of Peoria, passed away peacefully at her home on May 23, 2022. She was born in Peoria on September 13, 1939, to Edward and Helen (Reynolds) Steele. She married Lee Keplinger in Peoria on November 14, 1959; he survives.

Also surviving are her four daughters, Brenda (James) Strode of Moncks Corner, SC, Karen (Russell) Little of Darlington, SC, Penny Smith of Peoria, and Cheryl (Michael) Wright of Morris; her sister, Sharron Ashley of East Peoria; 6 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, a grandchild, and a great-grandchild. Helen devoted her life to taking care of her family. She was an active member of the VFW Auxiliary Post 1 and loved playing bingo and making crafts. She will be missed.

Cremation rites have been accorded. There will be a Celebration of Life from 12-5 p.m. on Friday, May 27, 2022, across from George Doering Park at 200 Carlson Ave, Building 28 Community Center, Washington, IL. Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria is assisting the family. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Midwest Affiliates. Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 27. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Building 28 Community Center
200 Carlson Ave, Building 28
Washington, IL 61571

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen C. Keplinger*

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ *Sorry for the loss of your Mom! Nadja (Holmes) Vollmer*

nadja vollmer - May 29, 2022 at 09:16 AM



Thank you.

Brenda Strode - May 29, 2022 at 07:52 PM



“ *Sending Prayers of Peace and Comfort to all the Family and Friends of Helen. I was Blessed to know her as we both were at the Academy Of Our Lady in Peoria. She was the sweetest person I knew there, we did a lot of things together in school. God Bless you all.*

Nancy Weaver Mustard - May 27, 2022 at 04:01 PM



Thank you

Brenda Strode - May 29, 2022 at 07:53 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Helen C. Keplinger.*



May 26, 2022 at 07:08 PM



“ *The two main things that come to mind as I remember my Aunt Helen are, she was a kind and gentle soul, as kind a soul as I've ever known. The second thing is how she loved to laugh. When my Mom and her sister got together you would inevitably hear some loud, deep belly laughing. It was contagious and they would have everybody around them laughing out loud. Fond memories, indeed...*

Keith Hale

Keith Hale - May 25, 2022 at 09:17 PM