



Helen Christensen

August 12, 1928 - November 18, 2013

Helen Christensen of Cadillac passed away Monday morning, November 18, 2013. She was 85. She was born August 12, 1928 in Cadillac, Michigan to Louie and Delcie (Yager) Nelson.

Helen attended Cadillac Public Schools. She married Jack W. Christensen in Cadillac on February 18, 1946 and he preceded her in death on October 21, 2011. Helen worked for Mercy Hospital in Cadillac for 40 years, retiring when she was 80. She was very dedicated to her job and all her patients and coworkers. She worked in housekeeping, laundry and ended her career working in the cafeteria.

She was a member of the Northern Light Church in Cadillac. She was a social butterfly and caretaker. She enjoyed her daily shopping trips and weekly trips to Brite- N Clean Laundromat. She loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her children: Linda (John) Johnson of Cadillac and William Christensen of Traverse City; grandchildren: Jenny Freese (Linda Baynes), Tracy Lehr (Tim Haysmer), William Christensen II, Sara Christensen (Mark Hughes); great-grandchildren: Katie (Chris) Warnock, Tyler Boolman (Kelly Clobus), Joshua Lehr, Lindsey Lehr, Megan Robertson, Arianna Horning and Jamie Monter; great- great- grandson, Aiden; brothers and sisters: Doyle Nelson, Ray (Donna) Nelson, Danny (Yvonne) Nelson, Albert (Gail) Nelson,

Pat (Delbert) Edwards, Mary (Donald) Patnode, Charlie Nelson all of Cadillac and Joanne Brunner of Cincinnati, OH; many nieces and nephews; In laws: Gary (Darlene) Christensen, Patricia Nelson, Mary Nelson and Jeanette Nelson and her beloved cat, Oreo.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, 6 brothers: Ted, Claude, Abe, Jack, Oscar and Jimmy Nelson; a sister, Delcie; in laws: Fern (Kenneth) Rudolph and a granddaughter, Jill Christensen.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday November 21, 2013 at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac with Pastor John Mellish officiating. Friends may meet the family Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Cherry Grover Township Cemetery in Wexford County. Memorial contributions may be made to the family. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Helen will be missed by friends and family.*

Norma Powell - November 21, 2013 at 04:40 PM

CM

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of loss. She was a excellent worker.*

Carla(Doan) Moffit - November 21, 2013 at 08:24 AM

EM

“ *Helen will be greatly missed. Her smile was sunshine and her heart had no boundaries. She was my morning coffee pal many times and we' d share the " news" . I am thankful I got to see her a few weeks back. I will miss her. To me Chestnut Street will never be the same again. R.I.P.*

ELSIE MOORE - November 20, 2013 at 08:38 AM

AD

“ *Aunt Helen, you were a very special person and I feel blessed to of had you in my life. You will truly be missed. RIP and when you see Granny tell her I miss her and LOVE her!*

Angie Dixon - November 19, 2013 at 10:53 AM

DS

“ *Helen was an outstanding lady and was always so kind and generous. She will be sadly missed by so many. Blessings to all of the family.*

Donna Sayer - November 19, 2013 at 07:19 AM

JB

“ Aunt Helen I really appreciate you always being there for my Mom. She didn't drive and you were always there when Dad was working and she need a ride soewhere. I remember a Christmas Mom and Dad couldn't afford to buy gifts for us and you were the one that brought gifts for us. I know your family is aware of the blessing you have been to many but I wanted them to know that you were a blessing to our family so many times. You will be missed.

Joann Brooks - November 18, 2013 at 10:03 PM

KD

“ Helen you will be missed by many and you were just a beautiful flower in Gods garden. It was a pleasure to have known you.

Kay Dodge - November 18, 2013 at 05:53 PM