



Helen E. Buchala

June 28, 1934 - November 8, 2021

Helen Buchala, 87, of Manville, New Jersey passed away peacefully on Monday, November 8, 2021 at Rehab At River's Edge in Raritan, NJ. She was born on June 28, 1934 in Budimir, Czechoslovakia to her late parents Andrew and Anna Tomko. At the age of 15, she immigrated to the United States with her parents and settled in Manville. She mastered the English language while helping to support her parents, working in various sewing factories in the area as well as a line worker at Lockheed Electronics.

Helen met her husband Adolphe at a mutual friend's wedding and they eventually married in 1957 and celebrated 63 years of marriage until his passing in 2020. They settled in Manville and raised twin son's Gregory and Robert. She was a devoted wife and Mom who always put her family first. She will be remembered for the Sunday dinners that she hosted for family and friends that always included her home- made nut rolls and eastern European dishes and desserts. The home environment that she provided with her husband was nurturing and always included plans for a yearly family vacation to either the jersey shore or various parts of the United States. She loved to travel with her husband Adolphe and they both visited and enjoyed the warm Caribbean climate during the winter months.

Helen returned to the workplace and she worked in various pharmaceutical companies in the area, including Ethicon, American Hoechst, and Reed and Carnrick. Upon her retirement she spent countless hours with her two grandchildren Megan and Amy whom she absolutely adored. Her main hobby

was her yearly garden which she diligently worked on that provided an abundant yield of vegetables. She also loved to plant many varieties of flowers and trees which adorned their property. She would never hesitate to assist those in need and offer words of encouragement. She and her late husband were devoted members of Christ the Redeemer Parish for many years.

Along with her parents she is predeceased by her husband, Adolphe Buchala, brother Emro, and sister Margaret. She will be greatly missed by her sons Gregory (Alisa) of Somerset, NJ and Robert (Lynn) of Flemington, NJ. She will also be missed by her grandchildren Megan (Daniel) Carducci of Kingwood, NJ and Amy (Andrew Heinz) of Ewing, NJ. Also missing "Grandma Helen" will be her two great grandchildren Joseph and Lucy Carducci.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend a visitation on Saturday November 13, 2021, at 7:30am at Ketusky Funeral Home located in Manville NJ followed by a 9:00am Mass of Christian Burial at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church (Christ The Redeemer Parish) also in Manville. The burial will follow at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Hillsborough, NJ.

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Cemetery

1096 Millstone River Road
Hillsborough, NJ

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 13. 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM (ET)

Ketusky Funeral Home
1310 Brooks Blvd - PO Box 747
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Mass

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Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Helen E. Buchala.



November 12, 2021 at 11:05 AM



“ After so many years my sister and I spoke with your mom at Kohl's and later in Walmart.... We reminisced about the years you lived in the Valley.....you lived a block up from us.....we lived on Boesel Avenue.....she brought back such special memories of days gone by. I promised I would visit her but never made the time....I hope she forgives me. She will always be remembered as Bobby and Gregory's mom..... RIP dear Helen....neighbor, friend❤️ With sincerest sympathy.....
Rose Ann Lucas (Stavinsky)

rose ann lucas - November 11, 2021 at 09:13 PM



“ Adoration Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Helen E. Buchala.



November 10, 2021 at 09:20 AM

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“ Michele, Maureen, Melissa, Mark purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Helen E. Buchala.



Michele, Maureen, Melissa, Mark - November 10, 2021 at 08:15 AM

CC

“ Gregory & Robert
I'm sorry to read of the passing of your Mom. I remember her from times of seeing her at church. I remember you both from Sacred Heart school all 8 years of it. Again, my condolences to you and and your family.



Carole (Cisek) Cardinale - November 10, 2021 at 08:02 AM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Helen E. Buchala.



November 09, 2021 at 05:28 PM

BP

“ Aunt Helen,
It always amazed me that you and my mom came from the same town in Slovakia! What are the chances of that!?!
And every time I forgot the name I just had to call you for the information!
I will miss our phone calls and shared prayers ❤️
Love, Barbara

Barbara Pieroni - November 09, 2021 at 05:28 PM