



## Helen Marie Kish

July 28, 1924 - January 11, 2022

Helen Marie Kish, 97, of Aurora passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on Tuesday, January 11, 2022. Born in Rockford, Illinois on July 28, 1924, she was the daughter of Herman and Alice (Coonrad) Berthold. She was married to Howard Kish for fifty years before his passing in 1996.

For many years, Helen served as a librarian for West Aurora High School. She was a longtime member of Holy Angels Catholic Church in Aurora. She was a vibrant, active community volunteer for organizations such as Holy Angels Church St. Anne Society Unit #16; St. Charles Hospital (Aurora) Auxiliary president where she assisted with the spring fashion show fundraiser; Mercy Hospital volunteer for eighteen years; member of First Advisory Board for Senior Enrichment Programs at Waubensee Community College; and aided in WWII efforts, locally in several ways. Helen had a lifelong love of anything relating to history, was an avid reader, and bridge player. She will be cherished and will always be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, friend, and neighbor. She had a strong faith, was generous, loving, and kind to everyone she encountered. Helen is survived by five children, M. Eileen Barclay of Aurora, Susanne Kish of Placerville, CA, Sheila (Peter) Hope of Elmhurst, IL, Patricia Kish of Richmond, VA, and Brian (Beth) Kish of Sugar Grove; loved by twelve grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Kish; sons, Darrell A. Kish and David A. Kish; sisters, Jeanne Criswell and Betty Wagner.

A Memorial Mass and celebration of Helen's life will be Saturday, April 9 at Holy Angels Church, 180 S. Russell Avenue, Aurora at 11:00 AM. Visitation will be one hour prior to the Mass from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM at Holy Angels.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation in Helen's name to Holy Angels Church, 180 S. Russell Avenue, Aurora, 60506 or Hesed House, 659 S. River Street, Aurora, IL 60506

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

APR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Angels Church  
120 South Lancaster Avenue  
Aurora, IL 60506

## Memorial Mass

APR 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DV

“ *My heart goes out to Helen's family. Helen was a part of our family. She was good friends with my parents so I saw a lot of her and Howie in my childhood. They had so much fun together and shared a lot of laughs. I remember the trip to Hawaii that they went on with my parents and their other close friends.*

*I remember seeing her when she worked at West High School. I continued my own relationship with her as her hairdresser. I've been doing her hair in her home for years. We shared a lot of memories together and I will truly miss those visits.*

*Helen was such a good person! God bless her!*

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**Diane Vance** - January 25, 2022 at 02:20 PM

MH

“ *I had the pleasure of delivering meals on wheels to Helen for many years. She was a delight and always a smile and kind words. We got to share about our families & what was going on in our lives. She was a gift to me & I will miss her. It gives me peace that she had her loving family when it came time to pass on to Our Heavenly Father. Blessings to the family left behind especially Eileen who I got to know.*

*Hugs Madeline Holstrom*

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**Madeline Holstrom** - January 25, 2022 at 12:57 PM

RH

“ I have many fond memories of your Mom, starting when I was about 8 years old. Do you remember being in the Jubilee mass for Fr. Berthold? Your family came over to our house afterwards and we had fun with water balloons! Your Mom was so nice, always smiling and friendly. Many years later, I saw her often at Holy Angels. She always had a kind word to say and a beautiful smile. She lived a long and full life, and she will be greatly missed. God bless your family.

*Rosemary (Nilges) Hauser*

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**Rosemary Nilges Hauser** - January 23, 2022 at 12:00 PM

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**peggy Pierce** - January 22, 2022 at 04:20 PM