



Helen Margaret Rippinger

October 23, 1921 - April 27, 2019

Helen Margaret Rippinger, 97, of Aurora, entered eternal life Saturday, April 27, 2019 at Presence Fox Knoll. She was born October 23, 1921 in Tiffin, Ohio, the daughter of John and Margaret (Desch) Wilhelm.

Helen graduated from Calvert High School in Tiffin, Ohio in 1939 and from St. Agnes School of Nursing (now Marian University) in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin in 1943. She served three years as a 1st Lieutenant Army Air Corps nurse in World War II. She married Lt. Joseph Rippinger January 2, 1946 at March Field, in Riverside, California.

Helen and Joseph returned to Aurora to raise their family of five sons and one daughter. She was a very active member of Annunciation Church, where she served in several capacities for over fifty years. She was employed as a Registered Nurse in the Obstetrics department of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and Provena Mercy Hospital for thirty three years and assisted in the delivery of countless infants. She retired from her position in 1984. She then began work as a volunteer in the surgical waiting area of Provena Mercy Hospital. She did this work for twenty three years. She was a member of the Provena Mercy Auxiliary, the Serra Club, and the Ladies of Columbus, a life member of the Abbot Marmion Society of Marmion Abbey, the Veritas Society of Rosary High School, and the Einsiedeln Society of St. Meinrad Archabbey. She was also a member of the Oblate of Marmion Abbey and of the Fox Valley Garden

Club. She was a recipient of the Marmion Academy Saint Scholastica Award in 2015. She was a Eucharistic Minister at Provena Mercy and at Annunciation Church; Helen loved to cook and bake and was known for her homemade pies and desserts.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph; five sons, John (Susan) Rippinger, Fr. Joel Rippinger, O.S.B., Daniel (Adrienne) Rippinger, Tim (Georgette) Rippinger; her daughter, Mary Jo (Michael) DiRe; a daughter-in-law, Janet Rippinger; twelve grandchildren; six great grandchildren; her sister, Dorothy (Emmitt) Droll; three brothers, Don (Mary Ellen) Wilhelm, Gene (Pat) Wilhelm, Karl (Rosalie) Wilhelm; two sisters-in-law Marge Wilhelm, and Dody Wilhelm; many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her son, Lt. Thomas Rippinger; four brothers, Paul Wilhelm, Ray Wilhelm, Bill Wilhelm, and John Wilhelm; two sisters, Sr. Mary Beth Wilhelm, C.S.A., and Alice (late James) Rippinger.

Visitation will be held Friday, May 3, 2019 from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM, with a Liturgical Wake Service at 4:00 PM, at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street, Aurora, Illinois 60506. (630) 631-5500

An additional viewing will be held Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 9:30 AM until the funeral hour at 10:30 AM at Marmion Abbey Church 850 Butterfield Rd, Aurora, IL 60502. Her son Fr. Joel Rippinger will officiate with interment at Marmion Abbey Cemetery.

Please visit our interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com where you may sign the guest book or leave condolences for Helen's family.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Lt. Thomas Rippinger Memorial Scholarship Fund at Marmion Academy, Aurora, Illinois.

Cemetery Details

Marmion Abbey Cemetery

850 Butterfield Rd.
Aurora, IL 60502

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
220 N. Lake Street
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Wake Service

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Marmion Abbey Church
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Funeral Mass

MAY 4. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen Margaret Rippinger



Daleiden Mortuary - May 01, 2019 at 03:54 PM

MB

“ my deepest sympathies. helen and I were nursing students together at st agnes and served at March field as nurses during wwll. i was in the wedding party for helen and Joe. helen you were one of my dearest friends! mary Elizabeth bachhuber bezy. 402.291.8071 age 98

mary bezy - June 03, 2020 at 12:08 PM

JD

“ Josie (Galles), Bruce, Nate, Derek and Liam Dow purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of Helen Margaret Rippinger.



Josie (Galles), Bruce, Nate, Derek and Liam Dow - May 02, 2019 at 01:54 PM

BC

“ My deepest sympathy to you Joe, and your family from your old North Central friend, Betty(Hoffmann) Carson.

Betty Carson - May 02, 2019 at 10:53 AM

 Joe
Foley

“ *Our sincere condolences to the entire Rippinger family on the passing of Helen Rippinger!*
We never knew her, but being friends with her son John & wife Susan, we learned of her background as an Army Air Corps nurse and the legend she became not only as a Mom of several children but also her dedication to the community.
Her son John is an amazing man and an inspiration to many whom have known him over the years.
She lived a great long life and will be missed but with many blessed memories
Sincerely
Michelle & Joe Foley

Joe Foley - May 01, 2019 at 06:08 PM

MK

“ *I remember Helen as a “no nonsense “ but very kind and loving woman. I considered her a valued friend and fellow parishioner of Annunciation Parish. She always had a smile it seems and you always knew she was there for you. It has been 40 years since I have been in her company but I will never forget her.*
Her daughter Mary Jo was a good friend of my daughter Kay. Helen always comes to mind when Father Joel says mass at St Galls in Elburn.
God Bless you Helen as you rest in Gods arms.
Maureen and Howard Kayzar.

Maureen Kayzar - April 30, 2019 at 12:06 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Helen Margaret Rippinger.*



April 29, 2019 at 11:27 AM



“ *So impressed with your mom, such a dedicated lady and as a major nurse in infant delivery, even of our own children. Always looked up to her and her achievements. Very proud of her. God bless her.*

Mike Larson - April 28, 2019 at 08:54 PM



“ *Uncle Joe, John, Fr. Joel, Dan, Tim and May Jo,*

My deepest sympathies to all of you on the passing of your Mom. Aunt Helen was a remarkable woman and someone whom I always admired. She has been a great role model for all the Wilhelm clan. She will be missed. Sending love to you all.

Marge Heckman

Marge Heckman - April 28, 2019 at 04:23 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to Fr. Joel, Mary Jo and Michael, and family on the passing of Helen. She lived a wonderful full life and did so much for her community, her Annunciation family, and for Marmion Abbey. I will cherish the fond memories of dinners and get togethers with her and Joe. She was and still is a role model for everyone that knew her. May she rest in peace. Jim Berg*

Jim Berg - April 28, 2019 at 01:18 PM

RW

“ Uncle Joe, John, Fr Joel, Tim, Dan and Mary Jo,
What a wonderful summary of a life well lived. She was and still is
an outstanding role model for the entire Wilhelm Clan. She has left
an indelible mark on all our lives and will be fondly remembered.

Bob and Jan Wilhelm

Robert C Wilhelm - April 28, 2019 at 11:25 AM

GB

“ Helen lived a remarkable, full life whose memory will live on with a
legacy of children who shared her and Joe's values.

May Her Memory Be Eternal.

George & Linda Bellas

Geo Bellas - April 28, 2019 at 11:18 AM

MS

“ My condolences to the Rippinger family. I went to Annunciation
School. I must have been classmates of some of the Rippinger
family. I graduated from Madonna High School in 1969 when in my
Senior year it became Aurora Central. I promise to have a mass
said at my parish church in Newton, NC. May God bless your family.
Eternal rest to to your Mother, grandmother and great grandmother.
Maryanne (Becker) Siverly

maryanne Siverly - April 27, 2019 at 09:48 PM