



Helen L. Tarapata

March 8, 1924 - August 25, 2016

Helen L. Tarapata, 92, of Naples, FL passed away peacefully at her home on Thursday, August 25, 2016 surrounded by her loving family. Formerly of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, she had been a resident of Naples since 1988.

Helen was born in Thetford Center, VT a daughter of the late Charles and Mildred (Wilmot) Cook.

Helen was deeply beloved by everyone who knew her. She was an exceptional person who inspired through her integrity, intelligence, humor, and loving personality. Her spirit can best be expressed through a Shaker song that she loved.

Simple Gifts

Tis a gift to be simple

Tis a gift to be free

Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be

And when we find ourselves in the place just right

Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

Survivors include her loving daughters, Susan (David) Keister of Columbus, OH, Karen Tarapata of Upper Nyack, NY; and cherished granddaughter, Madeleine Maloy of Los Angeles, CA. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Peter Tarapata in 1996, and siblings, Ruth Goodhue, Kenneth Cook and Kermit Cook.

A memorial will be held later in the year when her friends have returned to Naples.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Helen's name to the Conservancy of Southwest Florida by visiting <https://www.conservancy.org/get-involved/donate>.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen L. Tarapata*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *What a dear Lady she was.....I convinced her to come on the board at VYRC when I was President. She contributed to all the Boards activities, and was a wonderful friend to me and to all. She will be missed.*

Sincerely, Allen Wehr

Allen Wehr - September 01, 2016 at 09:55 AM



“ *Oh Sue, you and your Mom share that beautiful smile and lit-from-within gaze! Sending you and your family warmest wishes and the comfort of wonderful memories. Ann
(Ann McKay Bryson)*

Ann McKay Bryson - August 31, 2016 at 04:55 PM



“ *We are so sorry to learn of the death of your Mom. Cherish the wonderful memories! And she will always be with you in your hearts!!! You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. All our love! Monique and Dave Philips, Pawleys Island, SC*

Monique and Dave Philips - August 30, 2016 at 08:00 PM

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“ I only know Helen through the happy stories of her daughter, Sue. Helen 's remarkable vitality and enthusiasm for life created many rich memories for her family who loved spending time with her. Even through the challenges of her final days, Helen kept her bright, positive spirit. How wonderful that she was able to slip away surrounded in the comfort of her devoted family. Blessings to Helen- -and to those who so deeply feel her loss.

Carol Apacki

Carol Apacki - August 30, 2016 at 02:05 PM

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“ What a stellar family Helen created! She was a blessing to you and there's no doubt you all were a blessing to her too. Through the difficult moments and those filled with joyful memories, from here on out I hope you all feel closer to each other and to Helen in the best ways possible. Peace to you all. Deb Freeman

Deborah Freeman - August 29, 2016 at 12:18 PM