



Helen E. Townsend

April 4, 1942 - April 23, 2024

Helen Townsend of Manitowish Waters passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 23rd at Minocqua Health and Rehab at the age of 82. Helen was born to Walter and Beatrice Bunn on April 4, 1942 in La Crosse.

Helen enjoyed gardening, reading, spending time with her family and her furry & feathered friends. She will be most remembered for her love of music. Not only did Helen teach piano & organ, but she also shared her musical gifts at the Community Church of Boulder Junction as a member of the bell choir and as organist for over 50 years.

She is survived by her daughters Kathryn (Scott) Noet of Minnesota, and Amy (Paul) Berard of Harshaw; grandson Brandon Berard; brother Irvin (Mary) Bunn; a niece and nephew along with many "grand-dogs". She is preceded in death by her husband Robert and brother Charles.

Helen's family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of those who enhanced her quality of life by providing quality care and making sure she got to church.

Please make any memorial contributions to your local humane society.

The family will have a private memorial service at a later date.

Tribute Wall

LN

“ Lindsay Frkovich Nelson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen E. Townsend.

Lindsay Frkovich Nelson - April 29, 2024 at 10:02 AM

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“ Lindsay Frkovich Nelson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Helen E. Townsend.



Lindsay Frkovich Nelson - April 29, 2024 at 10:02 AM

MB

“ My deepest sympathies to Kathy, Scott, Amy, Paul and Brandon and all of Helen’s family and friends. Helen was such a kind and caring lady and she will be truly missed by everyone. May God comfort you all.

Michelle Berard - April 29, 2024 at 09:52 AM

JM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Kathy, Amy and all of the Townsend family. We so enjoyed the great contribution Helen shared with our church each Sunday, plus the wonderful smile she always had and sharing (and putting up with} those of us in the choir. We will miss her! Joyce & Duane Marquardt

Joyce Marquardt - April 26, 2024 at 02:42 PM

JB

“ My condolences to Kathy & Amy and all family on the loss of your sweet, kind mother. I remember her fondly from my earlier days upon moving north and the friendship my parents had with Helen & Bob. My father especially cherished your Dad, as my mom did your Mom. That goes back some 45 yrs! It's too bad I didn't get my mom moved over to where Helen was for the last year, soon enough. They could've enjoyed each other's company once again. I am glad Helen is at peace now and you will be, in time, from all the memories of her. She was a good soul. Sending my thoughts to you all. Jody (Moll) Bognar

Jody Bognar - April 26, 2024 at 12:41 PM

LW

“ I appreciated Helen's music every Sunday and her devotion to making our worship so rich. She's adding to the heavenly music now!



Lorine Walters - April 25, 2024 at 06:17 PM

JR

My sympathy to Kathy, Amy and family. Helen was a really special person, and I called her my friend for many years! She taught my daughters and myself to play the piano. Helen also played the organ for me when I sang at a few weddings and funerals years ago. She was always such a joy to spend time with. She will be missed!
Jan Rayala

Janice M Rayala - April 29, 2024 at 05:36 PM

SB

“ What a lovely person! Helen played the organ at jim's and my wedding back in 1969. My sympathies to her family.

susie bauer - April 25, 2024 at 07:41 AM

“ I have known Helen for about 65 years. As we got older, I came to realize that one of the reasons she would hang around me, was for the chance that she might see my cousin, Robert Townsend. She had such a crush on him and he thought she was terribly cute. I was overjoyed when they got married.

I spent several childhood summers in Manitowish Waters. I was drawn to Helen, for so many reasons. First, she loved my cousin but there is so much to say about her personality and her values. She was always cheerful and caring, eager to help others. I can honestly say that she was one of the finest people who I have met in my lifetime. She had a strong faith, which she shared with others, in the hope of helping them, as a vessel of the Lord.

She often told me that it was the music that nurtured her. She said she could sit down at the organ or piano and anything she was worried about would go away, as she felt the music fill her heart. She always gave God the glory for her talents.

She was thrilled when she became a Mom to Kathy and Amy. She was so proud of them, her whole life. She also liked Paul and was happy to have Brandon as a grandson.

Many of you know that she took care of Robert's parents for many years. What a task she took on, but she wanted to help. They were able to stay out of a nursing home for a long time, because of her and Robert. Thank you, Helen.

We maintained a friendship all these years. We had long telephone conversations and wrote many letters. I cherished her then and I shall cherish her now. She will come to my mind when I see flowers, swans, dogs and cats. She was also a good cook.

I know she's happy where she is now. She endured a lot on earth.

My condolences to all of you who loved her, especially her family.

She's smiling on all of us now, with that warm, wonderful smile.

Job well done, dear Helen.

Florann Graf - April 24, 2024 at 07:58 PM