



Helen M. Branigan

September 24, 1944 - August 3, 2023

Helen M. Branigan, a resident of Albany and Jay, NY, passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 3, 2023. Born in Albany on September 24, 1944, Helen was the daughter of the late James and Helen Branigan.

A proud alumna of Vincentian Institute, Helen went on to complete her undergraduate and master's degrees at The College of St. Rose. A great passion for learning took her career on an extensive path in education. As a teacher, consultant, and advocate for better learning and instruction, she taught for several years at South Colonie H.S., went on to work at the NYS Education Department, and completed her career as a team leader at the International Center for Leadership in Education.

Helen enjoyed traveling to all states in the U.S., and to many locations abroad. Her golf clubs or skis would accompany her everywhere she went from the links at St. Andrews to the slopes of Utah. Her most favorite place was at her "Chalet" in the Adirondacks. It was here where she would embrace Whiteface, the Ausable River, and all of the High Peaks.

Helen is survived by her siblings Marybeth Redcross (late husband John), Brother James Branigan C.S.C., John (Kathy), Marcia, Joseph (Marybeth), and Paul (Debbie). She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends. Special thanks to her dear friend Mary Denn for her lifelong friendship.

The family would like to thank the staff at Shaker Place for their compassion and caregiving over the last several months.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Helen's family Monday, August 7, 2023, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Magin and Keegan Funeral Home, 891 Madison Avenue, Albany, NY 12208. Funeral Services Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 11 a.m. at the Parish of Mater Christi, 40 Hopewell Street, Albany, N.Y. 12208 where her funeral mass will be celebrated. The Rite of Committal will be held at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, immediately following Mass.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Helen's memory to the Autism Society Greater Hudson Region <https://asghr.org> or Alzheimer's Association <https://www.alz.org/northeasternny>

Tribute Wall

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“ To Miss Branigan's family, I am so sorry for your loss. She was my home room teacher at Colonie High, I never had her as a teacher but got to know her through school activities and home room. She would stay late after school and play basketball with us. She would sit with us at basketball games and football. We lost touch after I graduated but I often wondered how she was.. I love the picture of her because that is the smile she always had . She was a kind, caring and fun person. May she rest in peace.
Joanne Gaddor McGrath Class of 1972.

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