



Mrs. Helen Mary (Corkum) Surprenant

July 3, 1931 - December 1, 2010

Helen M. Surprenant

Loving Wife, Mother, and Grandmother

LOWELL—Helen Mary (Corkum) Surprenant, the beloved wife of Henry R. Surprenant, a resident of South Lowell, passed away on Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at the Westford House Nursing Home, surrounded by her loving family. She was 79 years old.

Helen was born in Billerica on July 3, 1931, daughter of the late Vernon and Eva (Smith) Corkum. She attended school in Billerica and was a graduate of Howe High School.

Helen married Henry R. Surprenant on December 31, 1950, and together celebrated almost 60 years of marriage and raised three beautiful daughters. In her early years Helen worked at Zayre's Department Store in Lowell. For many years she was the parish administrator at Ste. Marie's Church in South Lowell. Helen and Henry were very active parishioners at Ste. Marie's. Helen served as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, C.C.D. teacher, and a willing volunteer for all other parish events.

She was also a member of the Cribbage League at Ste. Marie's.

Helen was a very strong, independent person. Some of her pastimes included playing the piano, music, knitting and crocheting, and birdwatching in her backyard. She loved cooking and baking all the time. Helen also enjoyed going "up country" with her friends. Most of all, Helen loved being a

grandmother. She was the grandmother with the full cookie jar and the chocolate kisses. Helen enjoyed spending time with her family and her many friends.

Surviving Helen besides her husband Henry are her daughters, Lynne Marie Wilcox of Lowell and Sandra Marie Burke and her husband Edward of North Reading; seven grandchildren, Kerry Ann McIntosh, Lisa Jean Wilcox, James Bradley Wilcox and his fiancé Teresa Craft, Sean Edward Burke, Kevin James Burke, Scott Henry Burke, and Morgan Elizabeth Burke; two great grandchildren, Allison Jane McIntosh and Andrew Jay McIntosh; a brother-in-law, Walter Surprenant; two sisters-in-law, Jean Corkum and Lucille Surprenant. Helen was the mother of the late Donna Marie Hughes who died in 2007, and sister of the late Robert Corkum. Helen is also survived by her daughter Donna's companion, Roger Geoffroy of Lowell. Helen leaves many, many dear friends, including her faithful friend Max.

SURPRENANT— In Westford, December 1, 2010. Helen M. (Corkum) Surprenant, 79, beloved wife of Henry R. Surprenant, a resident of South Lowell.

Family and friends may call at the **FAY McCABE FUNERAL HOME**, 105 **MOORE STREET, LOWELL**, on **FRIDAY DEC. 3** from 4 until 8 P.M. Helen's Funeral will begin on **SATURDAY MORNING** at 9 o'clock from the Funeral Home, followed by her Funeral Mass at 10 o'clock at **HOLY FAMILY PARISH – STE. MARIE'S CHURCH**, corner of Chamberlain and Grafton Sts. Lowell. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery, E. Chelmsford. As an expression of sympathy, donations in Helen's memory may be made to the Westford House, Patient Activities Fund, 3 Park Drive, Westford, MA 01886. **ARRANGEMENTS BY THE FAY McCABE FUNERAL DIRECTORS**, 978-459-9222. www.faymccabe.com

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

96 Rivverneck Road
Chelmsford, MA 01824

Previous Events

Calling Hours

DEC 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fay McCabe Funeral Home
105 Moore Street
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 459-9222
sean@faymccabe.com
<https://www.faymccabe.com>

Funeral Mass

DEC 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Parish – St. Marie's Church
75 Chamberlain Street
at the corner of Grafton Street
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 453-2134

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Helen Mary (Corkum) Surprenant*

January 28, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *Sandy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Mary (Corkum) Surprenant*



Sandy - December 08, 2010 at 01:17 PM



“ *Oh boy how do we begin to share all the fond memories we have of this "special, special lady"? There are so, so many memories to hold close to our hearts when it comes to Helen. Just to name a few, she taught me the ropes when she hired me at Zayres Dept. store, she taught us CCD, she cared for us like a "mother" I guess we could say, she was like a second mother to us and I'm sure so many others. She was an extroidinary woman, so caring, loving, jolly, kind, precious soul who touched so, so many people. It's not easy saying good-bye to our love ones, watching them suffer, feeling helpless, having no control but this is what we all endure at some point in our lives. We can only hope those who are taken by the Lord our God, takes them by the hand to better place where there is no pain, only peace for eternity. Hold on to your memories for those memories no-one can take away from you.*



Love, Lisa, Rick & Christopher Hamel, Derry, NH.

Lisa,Rick,Christopher Hamel - December 02, 2010 at 05:43 PM

SR

“ *Sean Rourke lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Helen Mary (Corkum) Surprenant*



Sean Rourke - December 01, 2010 at 08:04 PM