



Helen V. Repass

February 13, 1921 - June 15, 2011

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our mother Helen Veronica Repass. Mother passed away on Wednesday, June 15th, 2011, with the love of her family holding her hands. Helen was born on February 13th, 1921 in Napoleon, North Dakota to Elizabeth and Louis Werlinger. She was raised in Linton, North Dakota until she graduated from High School in 1939. Upon graduation her mother made arrangements for her to move to Milwaukee, WI where she lived near relatives, worked and attended business school. She earned her degree and took a job with the state department in Washington D.C. She was very proud of her job and she shared with us that her signature was on one of the official papers signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt which is still on file at the White House.

In 1940 she met Benjamin O. Repass, a Captain in the Army at an Officer's dance and he told her "I'm going to marry you" to which she replied, "That's funny because I'm never getting married!" They fell deeply in love and married a year later in Washington D.C. As a military couple they traveled a lot during the war. When Mr. Repass retired from the army, they purchased a small farm in Tulsa, OK and started their family which grew to seven children. In 1957, tragedy struck when Ben and our beautiful nine year old sister Eva were killed in a car accident.

Helen found the strength to move to Cashmere, WA to be near her mother,

brothers and sisters. While raising her children she worked at various fruit companies as a bookkeeper until she retired in 1981. She then moved to Wenatchee to be near her daughter Mary where she spent the rest of her life. Throughout her adult life she was a proud member and past president of the American Legion; enjoyed bowling, and loved the horse races and the Mariners.

Helen had the strength and stability of a rock that was needed to raise six children alone. She was always available to her children for love, advice, a home and especially a true friend. There was always an extra friend at our dinner table. Her door was always open as well as her heart for love and forgiveness. She gave her children everything she had. Many hearts and lives were touched by our remarkable mother. Her passing leaves a void in our lives but we can take comfort in knowing that she is with God now.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Ben; daughter, Eva; grandchild, Justin Jurzenski; sons, John and Benjamin Louis and also many siblings. Survivors are daughter, Louanne Brown, Wenatchee, Mary (Rick) Cozzalio; Connie Jurzenski (Ed), Lake Tahoe and Tom Repass, Thailand. Grandchildren Matt Brown and Michelle Sari, Nicole, Christine, and Charlie Jurzenski; Megan, Jake and Jessie Cozzalio; Nathan Repass; Hannah Repass and Sheri Nicolella and great grandchildren, Benjamin Sari, David and Brinley Nicolella. She is also survived by her brother Andrew Fischer and sister Louise (Fischer) Bostwick.

A special thank you to Helen's caregivers over the years, especially the tender care given by Adrianna Solano and the fun shared with her friend Soloman Soto.

A family memorial will be held at Evergreen Memorial Park on, Friday, June 24th at 2:00pm.

Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at www.jonesjonesbetts.com

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Park

1301 10th St NE
East Wenatchee, WA 98802
(509) 884-4651

Previous Events

Service

JUN 24. 2:00 PM (PT)

Evergreen Memorial Park Mausoleum
1301 10th Street NE
East Wenatchee, WA 98802

Tribute Wall

AC

“ *Ann Coulthard lit a candle in memory of Helen V. Repass*



Ann Coulthard - June 07, 2019 at 11:32 AM

MP

“ *Mary Ann Plevak I am the daughter of Kay and Charlie Allen Kay was Aunt Helen's sister from the Werlinger side of the family. I am so sorry to hear of your loss I see you also lost your brother John in January all in one year my prayers will be with you and the family. I got an email from my cousin.*

Mary Ann Plevak - June 27, 2011 at 02:31 PM

HS

“ *Lou Ann, Connie and I spent a lot of fun times in Ms. Repass's little Corvair car. She was a remarkable women raising her family on her own. I'm litting a candle in her honor.*
Heidi Sitton



Heidi Sitton - June 25, 2011 at 10:59 PM



“ *Grace Kane lit a candle in memory of Helen V. Repass*



Grace Kane - June 24, 2011 at 10:05 AM

CF

“ It is with great sadness to say goodbye to you Helen. Memories and love will live forever with our family. She was a remarkable lady who always had a smile and a laugh with you, when you knew her heart was full of pain inside. I have always been proud to call you "my sister-in-law. We will love and miss you forever, "Morgie".

Carol Fischer

Carol Fischer - June 23, 2011 at 03:52 PM

JW

“ Helen was a very vibrant woman, who could make you laugh and also a very understanding person. She was a wonderful person to know and she will be missed by her family as well as friends. Girls and Tom you were so blessed to have a strong, loving, kind mother and I am so sorry that she has passed to our Lord and Savior. God Bless each and everyone of you. Joanne Day Wallace

Joanne Day Wallace - June 22, 2011 at 03:20 PM

MR

Your kind words mean so much. Yes, we were blessed to have a mother like her. I thank God for that. Mary

mary michelle repass - June 25, 2011 at 11:01 AM

JL

“Helen was a dear and treasured friend to me. We worked together at Cascoa Fruit Growers for a short time a long time ago but in that time we developed a true affection for one another. She was an amazing woman and we had a million laughs together and shared a few tears as well. I attempted to contact her recently when John passed but was unable to reach her. I know what a great loss that was for her and how she adored all of her children. She will be missed by many and my deepest sympathy goes out to her family. Sincerely, Jewell Goetz LaVigne

Jewell Goetz LaVigne - June 21, 2011 at 08:38 PM

BD

“Oh the fun we had working at Cascoa Growers back in the day, your infectious laugh and love of life was worth coming to work each day. We did have a good time in the office. You knew the value of a good joke and most of all loved your children very much. I watched yours grow up and you watched mine. We will miss your for sure.

Barbara Pipkin Dezelle - June 21, 2011 at 08:36 PM

MS

“I think of you every day and I know you are watching down on me, I love you grandma. <3
Michelle



Michelle Sari - June 21, 2011 at 12:21 PM

MS

“ *Michelle Sari lit a candle in memory of Helen V. Repass*



Michelle Sari - June 21, 2011 at 12:19 PM

MS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Michelle Sari - June 21, 2011 at 12:18 PM

MS

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Michelle Sari - June 21, 2011 at 12:15 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - June 20, 2011 at 04:42 PM

LB

“ I'll miss you forever Mom.

Louanne Brown - June 18, 2011 at 10:01 PM

MC

Words can't express how hard it is to lose my mother. Love, Mary

Mary Cozzalio - June 20, 2011 at 01:29 AM



Sorry Mary for your pain of loss. I lost Dad a few months ago and feel much peace in knowing he is in the light, free of the physical body that was no longer useful to house his beautiful soul. Love and peace to you and your family.
HUGS.

Grace Kane

Grace Kane - June 24, 2011 at 09:55 AM



I have empathy for your pain of separation Louanne....Peace and blessings of soothing grace to you honey:) The grace of the holy spirit holds your Mother in its warm healing embrace. I keep huge photos of my Father in his youth in my office to keep his physical reality close in my memory...he has never left my side even in the leaving of his physical container for his soul here on earth. My Father is now on his next adventure...birth...death...doors to new adventures. Your Mother's love is so huge she is still the same lovely energy she always was - only free as a bird on the wind and in the light.

Grace Kane - June 24, 2011 at 10:03 AM



Louanne do you have any photos of Helen from her youth or otherwise that you would like to have made into 20x 30 " posters etc...I can do that for you if so.

Grace Kane - June 24, 2011 at 10:06 AM