



Helen F. Jongleux

July 1, 1928 - December 16, 2022

Helen Frances Jongleux (Arnold), Aiche (H) to some, G'Ma to many of her grandkids, and GiGi to her great grandkids, was born July 1, 1928, peacefully left her loved ones on this Earth on December 16, 2022.

Helen was the second daughter of Frank and Ann Meindl, was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA, lived in Chicago, IL where she graduated from Mundelein College, worked for Del Farms Foods — the grocery chain which she proudly helped her father to name — and met her beloved husband Alfred (Al). In 1964, Al and Helen moved to the northeast side of Indianapolis where they made their home for themselves and their seven children. Helen and Al were married for nearly 44 years before Al passed in 1996.

Helen started working in 1971 at Indiana National Bank, establishing herself in the banking world at a time when few women did so. She eventually became Vice President and managed the branch located at Marquette Manor Senior Living Community, a place where she made many friends and where she loved helping her customers. Helen was involved in Toastmasters, Altrusa International, and gave many years of dedicated volunteer service to Fatima Retreat House. She was an active member of St Pius X Catholic Parish for 58 years and involved with their SPRED program for many years. She volunteered at St Augustine's Home for the Aged and belonged to a chapter of the Red Hat Society with many of her dear friends.

But by far, Helen's shining jewels in her crown were her seven children, twelve grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren, all who she bragged about

often.

Helen was the kind of person who drew our pictures on our paper lunch bags and wrote poems from the dog to us when we were away at college. She had a witty sense of humor but was not the best at repeating a canned joke. She was an extrovert, a good friend, a welcoming hostess who loved planning parties and gatherings. She loved to cook, and she made the best brownies in the world. Frequently she said she was making meals for a large army, and always found room at her table, especially at the holidays, for those who were away from their families. She loved her family and friends and will be missed by all who loved her.

In 2009, Helen married Carl Arnold. Together they enjoyed cruising the Rhine on their honeymoon and a trip to Hawaii. They enjoyed watching sports - especially college basketball and Colt's football — and would rarely answer the phone between 7:30 - 8pm when they always watched Jeopardy! They endeavored to make each other laugh during their senior years. Carl passed in 2016.

Helen is preceded in death by her husband Al, and her second husband Carl, and her sisters Eileen Maloney and Marie Wagner. She is survived by her children Dave (Lynn), Bob (Brenda), Michele Collins (John), Helene, Anne (Tom Jones), Patty Tillett (Matt), and Betsy Barr (Dave); her grandchildren Penny, Bart (Alison), Kelly (Brady), Ben, Daniel, Sarah, Alicia (Chaz), Evan, Brian (Georgina), Quinn, Peyton, and Olivia; her great-grandchildren Ethan, Charlie, Theo, Oliver, Matilda, Collins and Emery, numerous nieces and nephews and many dear friends.

The family wishes to thank Guardian Angel Hospice and the staff at Marquette Senior Living where Helen was well cared for during the last two years of her life.

Visitation will be Monday, January 2, 2023, 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Road. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St Pius X Catholic Church January 3, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Fatima

Retreat House and St Pius X Catholic Parish.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Memorial Gardens

9700 Allisonville Rd.
Indianapolis, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel
9900 N. Allisonville Road
Fishers, IN 46038
(317) 841-7878
info@shirleybrothers.com
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Pius X Catholic Church
7200 Sarto Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46240

Tribute Wall



“ Hello Dave, Lynn and family.
Apologies for this late message. It was just today that I saw the notice about your mother's passing in the Sunday December 25th edition of the Indy Star. After seeing her photo, I believe I may have met her some years ago at your office on North Meridian. Sorry for your loss.
Holly Herman

Holly Herman - March 23, 2023 at 12:07 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Helen F. Jongleux.



January 02, 2023 at 11:10 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Helen F. Jongleux.



January 01, 2023 at 09:20 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen F. Jongleux.*



December 31, 2022 at 01:54 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Helen F. Jongleux.*



December 28, 2022 at 08:43 PM



“ *Jongleux family, I'm so sorry for your loss, but happy that Helen is finally at peace, Your family has always had a special place in my family's hearts since our mothers were best friends for most of our lives. I have so many memories of times spent with your mom. I especially remember her great sense of humor. She chaperoned a CYO spelunking trip with my dad that involved crawling through mud on our bellies. We were a sight to see. Helen just laughed. After your dad passed, your mom joined my parents on several trips to California to visit us, so my kids loved her too! She was a special woman, who left her mark on the world. I feel lucky to have had her in my life.*

Sarah (Farney) Gaither - December 28, 2022 at 02:27 PM

JF

“ Dear Jongleux Family –
I was sorry to hear of your mom’s passing. Hopefully she was still enjoying life well into her nineties.
Years pass, but good memories remain and I have the fondest of memories regarding the Jongleux family! It was so much fun meeting your mom and dad, working with them and getting to know them, and you all, while building their swimming pool in 1978. Hopefully I was able to provide some family fun times.
Years ago I would sometimes see your mom at McDonalds (75th and Keystone) where she and a group of ladies met for coffee and chat-time. It was always nice to see them all enjoying each other’s company. She was quite a lady.
May God bless you all with peaceful and strengthened hearts.
Jim (and Martha) Fairbanks

Jim Fairbanks - December 27, 2022 at 01:32 PM

VI

“ Dear Jongleux family -- I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I remember her well when Bob and I were hanging out together in Ivy Hills. She was always very kind and had a wonderful smile for me, which wasn't always easy considering what a stinker I could be. I will miss her.

Vic Indiano - December 26, 2022 at 11:42 PM

GA

“ Helen made my brother Carl’s last 7 years very enjoyable
They were kindred spirits, both with terrific sense of humor
May they Rest In Peace
Gene Arnold

gene arnold - December 25, 2022 at 07:18 PM

JH

“ My deepest sympathy to all the Jongleux family. Have many fond memories of the times spent with Helen. I am remembering you all in my prayers May she Rest In Peace Love Janie Hackman

Jane Hackman - December 23, 2022 at 02:21 PM

KW

“ In 1989, Helen and Al shared their lovely home and backyard to host a reception celebrating my marriage to my late husband Al. It was a wonderful party and a memory that I will always cherish . Their daughter, Helene, was a great friend and co-worker. We shared a number of special adventures. Even though time and distance have prevented visiting in recent years, Helene and Helen will always hold a special place in my heart.

Kathi Wilhite - December 22, 2022 at 11:13 AM

TW

“ I had the pleasure to meet and work with Helen while she volunteered at Fatima Retreat House. She always made me smile and I felt like an adopted family member. I was blessed to be able to cater her and Carl's wedding in 2009 and she was giddy as a girl. I will always love her love of her family and her smile.

Tami wood - December 21, 2022 at 09:24 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen F. Jongleux.



December 21, 2022 at 09:16 PM

NF

“ *My second Mom through high school and beyond. Always caring and offering a kind word of support, hope and humor. Thanks for your love, Helen!*
Nicki Flink

Nicki Flink - December 21, 2022 at 09:00 PM

CW

“ *I met Helen in August of 1990, having met her daughter Helene at a new job where Helene worked. Helen had us all over to her lovely home for a cookout and pool party! She was the most gracious hostess and Al the best host!! We had so much fun at that party, and had many more there!! Helen and Al were always the lives at the party and made us all laugh!! We have all remained close thru the years!! Helen always made me laugh! She always had a great story to tell!!*
She was as much fun to see as her daughter!! I loved her as a dear friend and will miss her dearly!! I love her daughter, Helene, dearly!! They are a wonderful family!! Rest In Peace Helen!! I will miss you!!
Love, Cheryl ❤️ † 🕊️

Cheryl L Washburn - December 21, 2022 at 01:22 PM