



## Helen Cavicchioni

December 26, 1941 - November 11, 2021

Helen Cavicchioni, 79, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Thursday, November 11, 2021 at her son and daughter-in-law's home in Naperville, IL.

Helen was born December 26, 1941, in Escanaba, MI, daughter of the late Erick and Saima (Leppaniemi) Helenius. After graduating from Rock High School, she earned her nursing diploma from St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing. She married Eugene "Gene" Cavicchioni on March 6, 1964, in Iron Mountain. He preceded her in death on Oct. 19, 2019. Helen worked many years as a registered nurse at the VA Medical Center, retiring in 1995. She enjoyed gardening, crossword puzzles and reading books.

She is survived by her two sons, James Mario Cavicchioni (Angela Reed) and David Gene (Kelley) Cavicchioni, and the apple of her eye, her granddaughter, Carissa Bella Cavicchioni.

She is also survived by her nieces and nephews, Judy (Bob) Sanicki, Kristine (Norman) Fontaine, Madeleine (Anthony) Crespo, Daniel (Dawn) Cavicchioni, Debra (Mike) Church, Renee Tousignant, Pam (Dave) Angen and Paul E. (Brenda) Aubin.

Along with her parents and husband, Gene, Helen was preceded in death by a sister, Miriam Aubin.

Private family graveside services will be held.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Helen Cavicchioni online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

RD

“ Our hearts are saddened upon learning the loss of Helen. We didn't know until much later. Helen is a long-time friend of my mom-in-law Karen Demeuse. I have had the joy of getting to know Helen the past 6 years through the letters we shared. Those letters from Helen have always meant so much. I am going to miss reading the stories of her and mom growing up that she so generously took the time to write to me about.

*Love and prayers to the family. Helen is missed by so many.*

*Sincerely,  
Tom & Robyn  
Demeuse  
Perkins, MI*

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**Robyn Demeuse** - December 23, 2021 at 02:15 PM

GS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Helen graduated the year after me. I knew her very well. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family.



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**Gerald V. Salmi** - December 03, 2021 at 09:17 AM

MG

“ Prayers to the family. I worked with Helen for several years and being neighbors we rode to work together at times. She was a special nurse and assisted “new” staff on the unit. She will be missed.

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**Mary Gagala** - November 18, 2021 at 06:53 PM

DD

“ Jim and David, you have our most sincere sympathy in the loss of your wonderful Mom!!! We had the great pleasure of being neighbor's for 12 year's! Your Mom was so very happy when she was working in the yard and when our Golden Cindi would run down to see her and get treat's. She also made us welcome whenever we were out in our yard and she would come up to visit!!! Great Lady may she REST IN PEACE!!! Dick and Gail Dabb.

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**Dick and Gail Dabb** - November 18, 2021 at 02:23 PM

RK

“ I knew Helen at the VAMC and was a nurse in the ICU unit where Helen was Nurse Manager. She was always pleasant and caring for not only the patients, but also to her staff members. Her calm demeanor and sense of humor was a blessing to all who knew her. My sympathy to the family. Rest in peace, Helen.....

*Rosemary Kmiec*

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**Rosemary Monica Kmiec** - November 17, 2021 at 08:13 PM

BF

“ I was sad to see Helens Obituary,our thoughts and prayers are with you Jim and Dave.

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**Bob French** - November 17, 2021 at 07:21 PM

CG

“ So very sad to hear about Helen. She was a wonderful, dedicated nurse to the veterans at the VAMC. She was always willing to help others and always had a smile and a kind word. She will be missed by everyone. My sympathy to her entire family.

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**Cynthia Gordon** - November 17, 2021 at 05:07 PM

KD

“Helen was a wonderful mentor to me when I started working as an RN at the VA. She truly cared for each patient, family and her coworkers. Many called her an “angel of mercy”...she now has her wings.

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**Kathie DeClark** - November 17, 2021 at 12:03 PM