



Helen Church

July 29, 1926 - July 29, 2012

Helen V. Church, 86, of Aurora, passed away on Sunday, July 29, 2012, at Dickinson County Healthcare System.

Helen was born on Feb. 12, 1926, in Armstrong Creek, Wis., daughter of the late Peter and Mary (Janik) Czech. She was raised in this area and graduated from Goodman High School in 1944.

During her summer vacations from high school, Helen was involved in the World War II effort by working as an assembler in an airplane parts factory.

She married Gordon Church on Oct. 16, 1948, at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Armstrong Creek.

Helen worked as a machine operator at Hancock Wood Products for 30 years. She was also the union steward and union president at Hancock Wood Products.

Before working her full-time job at Hancock Wood Products, she worked her other full-time job - raising her 10 children. Helen was a talented seamstress and made much of the wardrobe for herself and six daughters.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Church, Christian Mothers of Sacred

Heart and the Polish National Alliance. Helen spoke fluent Polish her entire life and was a talented chef of Polish foods.

She was an American Cancer Society volunteer and participated 30 years in the Society's Cancer Prevention Study-II, providing information to cancer risk researchers. She was active in the Aurora Sewing Club, the Senior Exercise Club and enjoyed gardening.

Helen is survived by her husband of 63 years, Gordon; her children, Juanita (David Burgess) Carlson of Lawrence, Kan., Katherine (Ray) Miannecki of Green Bay, Wis., Marilyn (Bill) Vassar of Aurora, Patricia (David) Menace of Iron Mountain, Fran (Andy) Herman of Niagara, Wis., Veronica Church of Niagara, Gerard (Linda) Church of Homestead, Joseph Church of Aurora, and Jon Church of Kingsford; 21 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her son, Peter; brothers, Paul and Andrew; sisters, Katherine, Genevieve and Marie; and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Aurora.

Funeral services will follow Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the church. Fr. Matthew Settle will offer the Mass of the Christian Burial.

Burial will be in the Homestead-Aurora Cemetery on Friday at 11:30 a.m.

Helen's grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Helen V. Church online at

ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Tondin-Ross & Freeman Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
1432 River St.
Aurora, WI 54151

Funeral Mass

AUG 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Aurora, WI 54151

Tribute Wall

AC

“ With the death of her cousin Helen condolences to the entire family in the United
Regina cousin of the Polish Family

Anna Morajko - Bochnia - cousin - September 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Fran, very sorry to read of your mother's passing. Sending condolences to you & the entire Church family. May she rest in peace.

Mike Sarder - Barnwell, SC - August 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Fran & Family,
I wanted to send my love and friendship to you all at this emotional time. I know that as you mourn her passing you will also celebrate her long, rich life. It is at times like this we rely most heavily on our faith. I have found great comfort not only in the sure knowledge that those who have passed live in glory with the Lord but also that one day we too will share that glory. May God bless your family now and into the future. Nancy and I will keep you all in our prayers in the days ahead and Fran I will call you after things have calmed for you.
Paul & Nancy Swanson

Paul A Swanson - salem, OR - friend - August 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ Uncle Gordy, Nita, Kathy, Mare-mare, Patty, FRAN, Veronica, Gerard, Joe and Jon.. we are with you in spirit and send our Love....

Noreen and Don Jameson - Alexandria, TN - Niece - August 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Fran,
So sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Your mom lived a full life and what an extra-ordinary life she lived that everyone can be so proud of with her contributions to society. We love you and hope to see you and Andy real soon!
Tony&Peggy Weber

Tony & Peggy Weber - July 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

IP

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I'll be keeping you all in prayer for strength and healing.

Irma Jones - Huntsville, AL - classmate of Peter - July 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Joe sorry to hear about your Mom. Thoughts and prayers go out to you and your Family. I am sure she will missed.

Bob Schaut

Bob Schaut - Salina, KS - Family friend - July 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM