



Helen Koch

October 10, 1921 - October 10, 2006

KINGSFORD - Helen J. Koch, 85, of 521 Harding Ave. in Kingsford, died Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2006, at Maryhill Manor in Niagara.

She was born on Aug. 7, 1921, in Waukon, Iowa, and was the daughter of the late James and Jane (Egan) Brannan. Helen has been a resident of this area since 1952, coming from Milwaukee.

She married her husband, Clarence Koch on May 30, 1941, and he preceded her in death on March 16, 1996. Helen worked at Daniel's Gift Shop in Iron Mountain for 13 years, retiring in 1981. She was a member of St. Mary Queen of Peace Church, St. Anne's Circle of the church and the Daughters of Isabella. Helen was an avid Green Bay Packer fan. She enjoyed reading, playing cards and was a great cook and an excellent baker of apple pies. Helen especially loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her daughters, Judith (Stanley) McCoy of Shorewood, Wis. and Diane (Kenneth) Kurz of Winneconne, Wis.; three grandchildren, Kevin (Michelle) McCoy, Michael McCoy and Jennifer Harbison and two great-grandchildren, Henna and Mira McCoy.

In addition to her husband, Helen was preceded in death by her brothers, Leo and James Brannan and a sister, Marie Klapka.

Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. from St. Mary Queen of Peace Church.

Fr. Michael Woempner and Fr. Paul Nomellini will concelebrate the Mass of the Christian Burial.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her memory to St. Mary Queen of Peace Church or Maryhill Manor Convalescent Home.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Daniel Mitchell and Dr. Nilar Shein for their excellent care and concern. A very special thank you to the staff at Maryhill Manor for their compassion, care, friendship and love for Helen. They were her second family.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Helen J. Koch online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Tribute Wall

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“ *It's been so long since I have seen any of you (school with the girls & church with the whole family years ago), but I so remember what a sweet family you all were & my heart goes out to you all. My own dear mom, Joyce Gagnon, has been in a local nursing home for some time. Moms are irreplaceable as is each of our beloved family members. May the Lord be close to you in comfort as He has been to me--especially in the years since I experienced rebirth!*
Affectionately in Christ,
Becky (Gagnon) Robert

Becky (Gagnon) Robert - October 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I want to give my condolences to Helen Koch's family. Helen was always nice to me, even when she was shaking her finger at me. She was funny and made great apple pies.*
I'll miss you Sarge.

Dan

Dan Harbison - October 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM