



## Helen Krause

June 30, 1917 - May 1, 2020

Helen F. Krause passed away on May 1, 2020 at Staten Island University Hospital at the age of 102. Helen was born in the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn to the late Marion and Anna Pontus. Screen stars Lena Horne and Susan Hayward were both born in Brooklyn on same day and year as Helen.

A very devout Catholic she was a member of St. Ephrem's and St. Bernadette's Parish's. She attended all social functions, belonged to many of the parish clubs and organizations, and enjoyed taking various trips with her fellow club members. She loved making Sunday dinner for her family. At the age of 100 she was still playing Scrabble with her son George and she would often beat him... She celebrated her 100th birthday at the Rex Manor with family and friends who came from as far away as Texas, Florida and California. She would never miss a party at Island Shores where she recently lived since 2017, where she held the title of The Oldest Living Resident. At the age of 102, she attended the wedding and reception for her granddaughter Melanie at the Old Bermuda Inn, where she partied the entire night. She was strong, determined and vibrant. When she was 92 she had a knee replaced and was up and walking within days.

Her family commented that there are three words that sum up her life Faith In God.

During WWII she worked for Westinghouse defense plant to support the war effort. In the late 1950's she worked for Cushman's Bakery then she went to work for Chase Manhattan bank as an Administrative Assistant, which is where she retired from.

Her husband of 54 years, Edward, passed away in September 2000. She is survived by her sons Edward and his wife Ellen, Richard and his wife Nancy, George and his wife Rosa. Her sisters Laura Kissaine and Claire Stafford, she was predeceased by her brother John Pontus. She is also survived by her 6 grandchildren, her 7 grandchildren and her 4 great great grandchildren

She will be interred with her husband in Resurrection Cemetery.

The family is planning a memorial to celebrate her long life at a future date.

# Comments

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“ You will always have a special place in my heart. You will be truly missed. Love you, millie

**Mildred Fuentes** - May 09 at 04:06 AM

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“ I remember Helen to always be such a classy and sweet lady. It was so nice to see her last October at Melanie's wedding after so many years. Although a bit older than the last time I saw her, she was still a sweetheart and still had a twinkle in those beautiful blue eyes. She was a special lady who raised three special sons...four, if you count David Turney. And she had to be super special in order to deal with their antics. LOL. Rest in peace, Helen.  
Yolanda Merced-Graves



**Yolanda Merced-Graves** - May 08 at 05:32 PM



“ David was # 4.....The two of them really loved each other. David went thru a terrible time right before my mom's 100th birthday party....yet he showed up.

**Richard Krause** - May 08 at 07:17 PM

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“ My dearest Helen  
I met Helen 22 years ago, such a joy to be with her, talk to her and just enjoy Helen's company. Helen was a great person so loving to her sons, her family and to everyone.  
I truly enjoyed to go shopping with Helen and help to buy the clothes and jewelry she loved, also especially shopping with Helen for Christmas gifts every year for her family. I will miss you so much. Rosa A. Moreira

**George Krause** - May 08 at 12:03 PM

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“ Helen I was so lucky to have you as part of my life for over 50 years. You were such a loving person devoted to your family. We will greatly miss you, especially when we gather for dinner on Christmas dinner where you sat at the head of the table with all your children and their families.  
All of our family will greatly miss you

## Your loving daughter-in-law Ellen

ellen krause - May 07 at 05:54 PM

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“ Mom was a very special person to many people. She was a kind and loving mother who did without to provide a better life for my two brothers and me. I remember at a very young age my mother going to work at Cushman's bakery every night after my father got home from his job. Mom always emphasized the importance of doing good in school and the importance of believing in God. Mom was a very devout Catholic, and this inspired my brothers and me to be good Catholics. Mom when it was necessary was the disciplinarian in our family. One day I got Mom very upset when I refused to go to school when I was in the second grade. When I did not listen to Mom and go to school Mom chased me with the hose from the washing machine. Believe me, after that day I never again refused to go to school. Over the years I reminded Mom of the day she chased me with the washing machine hose, and she always smiled with a twinkle in her eyes, but never admitted that she remembered the hose incident. Mom's love and guidance, her emphasis on doing well in school, her putting all her sons thru Catholic grammar school and Catholic high schools, and her discipline when needed enabled my two brothers and me to have successful careers. Mom I miss you, love you, and will never forget all that you have done for us. Someday in the future, hopefully not for a long time from now, I will see you again in heaven.

Again, I love you & miss you.

Your loving son Eddie.

edward krause - May 07 at 05:38 PM



“ Very nice grandpa

Kristina - May 07 at 05:53 PM

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“ Mother Dearest, the Ancient One, those were the nicknames I had for my Moms the past years. Helen was a very special person so happy, kind, fun, loved her family dearly, so smart and sharp!! Amazing for a 102 years old. There are too many stories and memories to discuss on paper. I have so much gratitude to Moms, especially for working two jobs when we were younger, Cushman's and Chase, to provide for her family and send her children to the best schools to make all three of her sons successful persons in life. Thank you so much Moms. Such a joy to see her especially the last ten years, to visit every week and talk about the old times, the new times and smile. Thank You Rosa and Rosie for being so kind and loving to my Moms when you were in her life. And also to all of you who were so kind and loving to Moms. A good friend just told me "Your Moms had an amazing run". So true. We were all so lucky to have Helen in our lives for so many years. Love you, miss you, we will see you again.  
George

George Krause - May 07 at 01:09 PM

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“ Heartfelt for your loss  
Murphy/Weight family

Stephen - May 07 at 12:56 PM

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“ Helen, I'm already missing you. Sundays will not be as special now knowing there will be no more visits to Island Shores to spend time with you, listening to you talk about your past and watching you smile when you would put a piece of dark chocolate in your mouth Will miss you forever!

Love,  
Nancy

Nancy Krause - May 06 at 06:48 PM

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“ Helen you were such a beautiful, loving, classy individual and so devoted to your family! You touched many and will be missed by many. I have always held you close to my heart and always will! My Derek and Dylan adored you! I take comfort in knowing you will always be watching over your beautiful family from the skies above!

Love,  
Rosie

Rose Palermo - May 05 at 07:02 PM

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Richard Krause - May 05 at 06:32 PM



“ Never saw your dad. Assuming he is to the left of your mom. She was a beauty. The angels are going to love her.

**Michael Rettagliata** - May 05 at 08:39 PM



“ Yep, that's my pop's. Wedding picture's/photo's back then were awesome.

**Richard Krause** - May 05 at 09:07 PM



“ OMG what a fabulous picture! Can't beat weddings of that time....

**Karen Lutomski** - May 06 at 02:34 PM

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**Richard Krause** - May 05 at 06:24 PM



“ LOVE it.....

**Karen Lutomski** - May 06 at 02:35 PM

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**Richard Krause** - May 05 at 06:23 PM

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**Richard Krause** - May 05 at 06:22 PM



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**Richard Krause** - May 05 at 06:12 PM



“ So many memories with my mom. When she took care of my bleeding finger on President Street....I was so scared. I was a little boy. Mom took care of it. Our day's on Berkeley Place...such great memories. Mom would give me money to buy candy at Artie's, give me money to see a movie at the RKO Prospect...make sure I could get an ice at Bonocore's, get us hot Italian bread from BakeRite. So many good memories with you mom. And then there were the trips to see Bachi, grandpa and Uncle John in Greenpoint. Cream Puff's from Cushman's, trips to Coney Island and vacations in Atlantic City. So many memories....Spaghetti and meatballs and spareribs with Open Pit when you moved to Dyker Heights. So many memories....And when you moved to Island Shores, Eddie, George and me knew that you would love the place - which you did! So happy that you had your 100th birthday party at the Rex Manor. What a party! And everyone was there - great friends and a great extended family. So many memories....I'm going to miss you mom, but I know you will be OK. You had so much faith. You would miss a meal at Island Shores, but never miss the rosary downstairs. So many memories....so much faith. Thank you for being my mom and thank you for all the memories.....

Love you and will miss you.....your son Richard.

and yes, I'll get a haircut when this is all over.....

**Richard Krause** - May 05 at 05:53 PM



“ What awesome memories what a beautiful tribute to your mom

**Kristina capasso** - May 05 at 07:35 PM



“ What a beautiful tribute, Dad.

**Melanie A. Krause** - May 06 at 08:53 AM

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“ Grandma, thank you for being part of our special day. This is how I will always remember you love you always



Melanie A. Krause - May 05 at 01:51 PM

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“ My Grandma, Helen Krause, was one amazing, special woman. I love you so much and i will keep you and our memories alive.

I cherish all our time together...our Sunday dinners with the delicious meatballs and Italian bread from the bakery...our card games, scrabble, playing for pennies and nickels! You had so many friends, between church and your social clubs, everyone loved you!

The one thing that has stood out to me at 102 you made it to Mel's wedding in October. I know how much it meant to you. All our hearts exploded with joy seeing you enjoy yourself that night and getting up on the dance floor. :-)

I am beyond grateful that I got to see you one last time and we had that last phone call. I am so happy that you were able to see and hear me one last time.

Grandma, you were beautiful inside and out. You had this energy that touched everyone in your presence. We will all miss you and hold you in our hearts forever.

Your loving granddaughter,  
Kristen

Kristen Krause - May 05 at 10:32 AM



“ Beautiful

Kristina capasso - May 05 at 02:26 PM

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“ My grandma was one special lady. I will always remember the Sunday dinners at her apartment in Brooklyn and the sleepovers on the weekend. What I will always cherish is my last big memory of her, which was she attended my wedding back in October. At 102, she was able to attend my wedding. She would talk about attending it all the time at Island Shores. When she attended my wedding, she was filled with joy, taking family photos and individual photos. What made it even more special was

that at she got up to the dance floor, and that smile and energy was unforgettable. She truly made my wedding day extra special and complete. Grandma, I love you always.

Your Loving Granddaughter,  
Melanie

**Melanie A. Krause** - May 05 at 08:14 AM

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“ Great grandmas 101st birthday

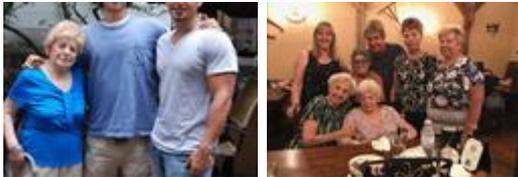


**Kristina capasso** - May 04 at 09:31 PM

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**George** - May 04 at 09:22 PM

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“ My great grandmother and I became very close a few years ago when she moved to island shores and needed an aide. I was with her for about a month before she was able to get one through her insurance so until then I took care of her. She was always so loving to me and always asked about my children her great great grandchildren. I'll always remember getting her read for the day and doing her makeup. Even after she got her aide I'd visit her 4 times a month and bring her treats like chocolate and cakes. I'm really going to miss her and I thank god I was able to be with her in her final days and take comfort in knowing she knew I was there.

**Kristina capasso** - May 04 at 09:11 PM

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“ I've known Helen most of my life. What a beautiful lady. She almost made it to her 103rd birthday. Helen, enjoy heaven with Ed. Everyone is going to miss you. Love you.

Becky

Rebecca Merced - May 04 at 09:02 PM



“ Thank you Becca....My mother loved you and Femio. She was so happy to see you guy's at her 100th birthday party and again at Melanie's wedding last October. R.....

Richard Krause - May 04 at 09:51 PM



“ Helen is a very nice lady,I'm so glad I met her ,miss her so much!

Jenny Huang - May 04 at 08:31 PM



“ Mom's only beat me a few times at scrabble!!She always messed up and give me the red triples at the corners. But she beat me at Gin rummy more. Much Thanks to her Aides at Island Shores,especially Jenny,Chen Li,Wendy,Lola and Adiza. They took such good care of my mother and were very loving. Also to her Great Grand Daughter Christina who was always there for her. Her loving Son George. I miss You and I love Mom

George Krause - May 04 at 07:28 PM



“ That was beautiful uncle george

Kristina capasso - May 04 at 09:07 PM



“ What a beautiful tribute for a beautiful lady xoxo

Donna Watterson - May 04 at 06:22 PM