



Helen Mary Sylvester

April 4, 1925 - April 9, 2020

Helen M. Sylvester passed away on April 9, 2020. Born Helen Gagliardi in Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn on April 4, 1925, the fifth child of Lorenzo and Anna Gagliardi, Helen lived for 77 years in Sheepshead Bay, before relocating first to Staten Island, then to Long Island. She married her husband Guy (Gaetano) Sylvester, in April, 1952. She was employed at Universal Pictures in Rockefeller Center, where she worked as a key punch operator, until she had her children. Helen was a homemaker and a saleswoman in a neighborhood womens clothing shop until she retired in 1987. A proficient seamstress and knitter, Helen enjoyed crafts, making her own clothing and knitting baby sweaters for all new members of her family.

Helen was predeceased by her husband, Guy (Gaetano) Sylvester, in October, 2000, and her four siblings, Nicholas Gagliardi, Morris Gagliardi, Marion Messina and Joseph Gagliardi. She leaves behind her son, Anthony Sylvester, of Ronkonkoma, NY, and his wife Susanne, her daughter Elizabeth Capelonga of Staten Island, and her husband James, and three grandsons, James and Thomas Capelonga and Anthony Sylvester, as well as several nieces and nephews. She will be lovingly remembered and dearly missed.

If desired, donations in her memory to St. Jude's Children's Hospital would be appreciated.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrott Ave
Staten Island, NY 10309

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Mary Sylvester*

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Dear Aunt Helen,
You gave me so many memories it would be hard to list them all.
You gifted me with a sense of humor, a love of reading, and were an
example of perseverance no matter what life dealt.
I wear the Christmas apron you gave me every year, and still have
your handmade ceramic swan on my dresser.
You will be missed, but you will always be a part of me.*

Mary Chiapperino - April 11, 2020 at 05:49 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of your beloved mother & grandmothers passing.
She has left a wonderful legacy as evidenced by her beautiful
family.
I still have the gorgeous sweaters she made for my children... such
fond memories..
Love from “ oh, that Diane”.. we all know who the bad influence
was...*

*Rest In Peace Helen with all your family who was waiting to
welcome you into the kingdom of God 🙏🙏*

Diane Meehan - April 10, 2020 at 01:05 PM

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“*Mrs Sylvester, you were the matriarch of a beautiful family who I love dearly. Thank you for your strength and for loving them into the wonderful people they are. May you rest peacefully in the arms of the God who loves you unconditionally. Let Liz and Tony never doubt that you are with them always. Maureen King*

Maureen King - April 10, 2020 at 12:50 PM

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“*My dear Aunt Helen: You taught us so many good things that we will always remember. God bless you and please watch over all of us, especially Liz and Anthony.*

Aida and Joe

Aida and Joe - April 10, 2020 at 12:35 PM