



Helen Rose Wilber

June 9, 1951 - January 19, 2024

Helen Rose Wilber, a kind and compassionate servant of God, died peacefully January 19, 2024 at the age of 72. Helen's parents, Jerome and Rose (Schohl) Beachnau, welcomed her into the world on June 9, 1951 in Lansing, MI. Growing up with four siblings, Helen learned how to care for others and throughout her life she lent a listening ear and offered a helping hand to many people. Music was important to Helen. In her younger years she loved playing the guitar and singing, even recording a song with her dear friend, Ed Swanson. Open hearted and caring, Helen was always focused on helping others. She loved baking bread, and was a baker at Mike's Shop-Rite, and also worked at Goff's in St. Johns and Gormans in Lansing. In addition to her family, some of the things that gave Helen joy were reading (enjoying romance novels and many of the "Chicken Soup" books), collecting elephants and penguin figurines, and watching the New York Yankees play baseball.

Helen is survived by her children, Tammy (Gary) Robert, Barb (Calvin) Funsch, Phillip (Lori) Monroe, Amy Bates, Candy (Joe Axel) Stallcup, Charlie (Heather) Wilber, and Daryan Wilber; 19 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Kathy Beachnau. She was predeceased by her husband, Michael; son, Michael Wilber II; brothers, Harold Beachnau, Frank (Jane) Beachnau; sisters, Ruth (Jerry) Martin and Barbara Carnes; and lifelong friend and significant other, Thomas "Tony" Vance.

Friends are encouraged to support Helen's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Visitation is Wednesday, January 24, 12-1:00 PM, with funeral services following at 1:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Rev. Fr. Dwight Ezop officiating. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on Helen's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Myasthenia Gravis Foundation in Grand Rapids. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens

4444 West Grand River Avenue
Lansing, MI 48906

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral

JAN 24. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

JAN 24. 2:30 PM (ET)

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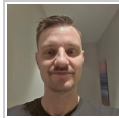
Tribute Wall



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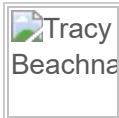


Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 24, 2024 at 12:09 PM



I love you neighborhood momma Helen.

Jeremy Royston - January 24, 2024 at 01:43 PM



Journey well beautiful lady...the Creator has you in his hug! Much love Helen ✨

Tracy Beachnau - January 24, 2024 at 11:44 PM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen Rose Wilber



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 23, 2024 at 04:23 PM

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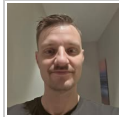
Tears this was beautiful not only was you my cousin, you were my friend. I loved you a lot. All the times you called me in Oklahoma. I will miss our talking on the phone. Your heart was a gem 💎. I love you Kathleen

Kathleen Hanson - January 24, 2024 at 05:30 AM

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Good morning just seen this...you touched so many hearts ☐ you never judged me you talked to me with your sweet demeanor. May your journey soar with the angels 😊 you will be missed 🙏 Miigwetch ✨

Tracy A Beachnau - January 24, 2024 at 09:14 AM

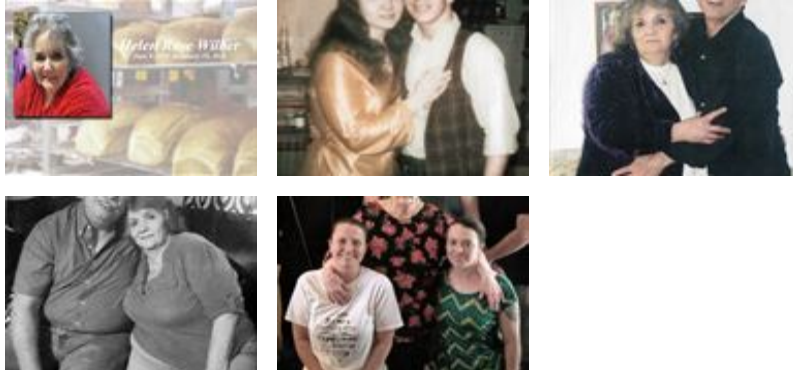


Momma Helen. You were the best an accepted everybody as they were. I am proof of that and I have pictures to prove it!

Jeremy Royston - January 24, 2024 at 01:31 PM



“ 37 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 23, 2024 at 04:18 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Helen Rose Wilber.



January 22, 2024 at 06:52 PM



“ To the Wilber Family,
We were Soo sad to hear of your moms passing. Our family loved her and we have a lot of fond memories of her babysitting us when we were young, and just spending time sitting at our house or hers.... We loved listening to her playing guitar and singing Puff the Magic Dragon, or one of the days hit songs.. I always looked up to her and thought she was really cool and always excited to spend time with her.

God always takes the good ones and yesterday was her turn to meet the love of her life, your dad Mike, whom she missed everyday. To also see her mom and dad. It's hard to say don't be sad, and you will, for loosing your mom never gets easy and you will miss her everyday. But you know she was in great pain, and now is free to soar with the angels..

We are thinking and praying for you and your family.

RIP Helen, we love you.

The Coultres Family

Karen, Randy, Julie, Nancy and Keith 🌹🌹🌹

Karen - January 20, 2024 at 05:46 AM