



## Helen C. Roszak

April 9, 2020

(nee Marczewski) Reunited with her beloved husband Benny April 9, 2020 at the age of 93 years. Loving mother of Kathleen, Kenneth (Patricia) and Phillip (Catherine). Proud grandmother of Kimberly, Michelle (Kay), Joseph (Megan), Nicholas (Casey), Rebecca (Doug), Tom (Cadie), Brian (Kate) Matthew and Laura (David) and great-grandmother of Murphy, Molly, Carson, Reagan, Reed, J.J., Nolan and Connor. Also survived by special friends Carol and Giesel and nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Helen will be remembered for her cooking and meals that made Holiday Celebrations very special.

Special thanks to Felicia and the staff at Clifden Court Assisted Living for caring for Helen.

"In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God called you home. You left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide. And though we cannot see you, you are always by our side. Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same. But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again."

Due to the current pandemic, a private family funeral will be held on Tuesday, April 14 at the Funeral Home. The Funeral Service will be Live video streamed on Helen's Tribute page on the Funeral Home website at [www.rozgafuneral.co](http://www.rozgafuneral.co)

m starting at 10:30 AM. Entombment St. Adalbert Cemetery.

“She will be greatly missed, but we are glad her pain and suffering is over.”

# Cemetery Details

## **St. Adalbert Cemetery**

3801 S. 6th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53221

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rozga Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Helen C. Roszak*



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**Rozga Funeral & Cremation Services** - April 14, 2020 at 11:15 AM

DC

*Thank you for sharing this Funeral Service for Auntie Helen. Michelle the words you wrote touched my heart. Eternal Rest Grant onto her O Lord! Rest in the Arms of Jesus Auntie Helen. Sending love and prayers,  
Donna*

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**Donna Czajka** - April 14, 2020 at 11:57 AM

KA

“ *Hi my name is kathi pace i was a caregiver at clifden court i met helen 3 yrs ago we hit it off became friends i truly love caring for my grandma helen in which i was allowed to call her helen was a sweet loving person always trying to help others:) she would always try to give me treats. Id. Say. No helen thats yours from ur family. I am truly gonna miss my grandma helen. Rip my sweet friend love you:)*

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**Kathipace** - April 19, 2020 at 02:11 PM

WD

“ I have attended to many patients over the past thirty plus years. Two of my favorites are Ben and Helen. I have had been privileged to be in their home. I enjoyed their stories and jokes. I was lucky and honored to know them. I am sorry for the loss.

*William Dralle*

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**William Dralle** - April 16, 2020 at 01:22 AM

KR

“ *Blessed, Special, Classic, Treasure, Kind,Loved,Compassion, Fun, Friendly, Beautiful, Best, Listener, Kind Hearted, Unforgettable*

*Well mom , these are just some of the words people used to describe you. Many people have not earned these words, but you lived them Your life and your time with us was a job on Earth well done, People saw the Lord in you.*

*I am soooo proud to be your daughter and hope people think just a fraction of these things about me when I'm gone.*

*Love you always and soooooo much. Please watch over us !*

*Kathy*

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**Kathleen Roszak** - April 14, 2020 at 01:32 PM

TO

*So true,Kathy.Loved my special aunt.Forever in my heart.Her niece from the time she was 17.*

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**Teress Otzelberger** - April 19, 2020 at 03:04 PM

LM

“ Will always remember how excited Auntie Helen would get when I would drop off cleaning supplies I bought for her at the SC Johnson store. She was so appreciative of the little things. Love you .

*Linda and Jim Martinich*

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**Linda Martinich** - April 14, 2020 at 11:15 AM

DC

“ Aunt Helen was such a special aunt to me. She took the time to mentor me in my first job at Franklin Electric. I thought it was kind of neat to be able to work with my Aunt. She was a very patient teacher. When Franklin closed, the safe, which was at my Dad’s house, became mine after he passed. The combination was missing so I called Aunt Helen and even after 40 years she still remembered the combination. She had an amazing memory. She could remember jokes and never told me the same one no matter how much time had passed since I talked to her. One of the jokes I remember her telling me was, “How do you make Holy Water? You boil the hell out of it! ”

Aunt Helen shared so much love and compassion to all who knew her. She was there for everyone to lend a listening ear and always offered to pray for whatever was happening in their life. I am lucky to have some of her wonderful recipes. I really enjoyed spending time talking with her. She loved sharing family stories with me. Through these conversations, I got to know all about her grandchildren and Great grandchildren. She was so proud of their accomplishments. When I would give her a call and a new grandchild was born, I could hear the joy in her voice as she told me about it.

I will miss our conversations, and the smile I got whenever I saw her.

Sending you our love and prayers.

Wish we could be there with you to celebrate her life.

Idź z Bogiem ( Go with God)

Kocham Cię ( love you)

Donna, Don Czajka and Family

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Donna Czajka - April 14, 2020 at 01:20 AM

KR

*Thank you for sharing. Indeed her life is worth celebrating !  
Kathy*

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**Kathleen Roszak** - April 14, 2020 at 09:20 AM

CR

*“ I have been very lucky to have had such a wonderful Mother-in-Law She was always so willing to help out, babysit, and share her recipes. It was fun to make pazckies together and I look forward to continuing that tradition going forward. She had a deep faith that was to be admired. She prayed for everyone. I will miss our Monday night dinners and playing cards with her. She will be dearly missed. We love you.*

*Cathy Roszak*

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**Catherine Roszak** - April 13, 2020 at 09:27 PM

KR

*Thank you Cathy and Laura for your Monday visits. She really looked forward to them, especially after she had to sell her house.  
Kathy*

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**Kathleen Roszak** - April 14, 2020 at 09:23 AM

MR

*“ She was a classic all time Grandma. She had so much love and care to give and you felt it. Even if it made you feel so full you'd explode, mostly from all her delicious food. She always made sure you were full. I will miss her polish sausage and her college care packages filled with home cooked meals and anything that had blueberries. Even if she wasn't with you she still show her love through making individual prayers for you. Thank you Grandma for all the prayers and love gave us all. RIP Matt*

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**Matt Roszak** - April 13, 2020 at 08:17 PM

KR

*Grandma was so excited when she called me and said finally I have good news to tell you. Then she told that you were going to California and was going to be possibly on TV. Wish she would have lived to see the show. Yes, she prayed for you daily.*

*Aunt Kathy*

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**Kathleen Roszak** - April 13, 2020 at 09:04 PM

JH

“ *When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure. Auntie Helen, you are a treasure! Love you. Will miss you.*

*Please give my mom and dad a big hug and a kiss for me!*

*Janice Helm*

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**Janice Helm** - April 13, 2020 at 06:43 PM

KR

*I think her and all her brothers and sisters were gems who now are all treasures.*

*Kathy*

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**Kathleen Roszak** - April 13, 2020 at 09:01 PM

JR

“ *Grandma was a great person who would do anything for us. My favorite memory will always be her aggressive food offering techniques. If we were there it was meal time. She wanted more than anything to connect to her great grandchildren and the other day JJ found a ball that he still remembered he got from Great Grandma. RIP. Joe*

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**Joseph Roszak** - April 13, 2020 at 01:57 PM

MS

*Joe, I laughed at your memory, "If you were there it was meal time"... Yes, this was her hallmark - even if you had lunch before you came in the door, then it was time for another lunch!*

Michelle S - April 14, 2020 at 10:19 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen C. Roszak.*



April 13, 2020 at 12:57 PM

GA

“ *I met Helen long ago, when her sister Reggie still was alive. I would take her to the nursing home, I think in South Milwaukee, where Reggie was staying. Her niece Teri worked there at the time. Helen would bring along many of her sister's favorite polish meals. For a long time we had these Thursday outings. Later on I would take her shopping, because Benny didn't like to drive anymore. And we would visit Benny in the rehab places, where he had to be at times. When she was alone in her house, she didn't like to eat by herself. So I said I can stay and sit with you, which later on ended up in having our weekly dinners. And since I grew up not wasting, I was the perfect one for her leftovers. When I was visiting, Helen always came up with a project for me to do. She never ran out of ideas. It could be cleaning in the attic or in the basement or in a hallway closet or in the garage or pulling weeds or stitching her carpets back together. She was not happy that she couldn't take care of her things anymore. She liked every thing in order, to the end of her life. And i could understand, I'm the same way. Helen, we had so much fun. You were a big part of my life and I will always remember you. Gisel.*

Giselheid Alden - April 13, 2020 at 09:25 AM

KR

*Thank you for being such a BIG help to my mom. She looked forward to your visits.*

**Kathleen Roszak** - April 13, 2020 at 09:50 AM

CR

*“ I was Blessed the day I met Helen, I started Doing home care and one of my first clients was Ben. Id take care of Ben and than look at Helen and asked if I could do something for her. It was not hard to fall in love with them.*

*I was working 2 jobs full time and I was getting tired so when Ben and Helen were in rehab, I quit home care.*

*I will never forget when Helen was being discharged Kathy called me and asked if I would come back. I said no. Than Michelle called me, and again I said no. BUT when Helen called and asked, I could not say no to that wonderful women.*

*From that day on I took care her the best I could with my other job,and she taught me so much.I remember her telling me she is Catholic and follows it the best she can, but she would not want to teach it with all the rules that is and the ones that keep changing. BUT NOTHING will stop her faith.*

*I have prayed with,her,cooked many things with her, from baking,making polish meals. I still can't get over with such good memory. I would talk about my family, and she knew exactly which one I was talking about. She knew names,phone numbers,and jokes, She could make any day shine just being around her.*

*One day I will never forget is July 7,2017, I opened the church door with my mom and there was Helen. She felt well enough to make for my wedding..*

*I will miss her dearly, she treated me as her family, and her family will be very special to me.My mother and Helen became friends, sharing soups, clothes, and a card now and than. Now my 2 mom's are gone. Rest in Peace In God's hands.*

*Carol Rzad*

**Carol Rzad** - April 12, 2020 at 03:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Helen C. Roszak.*



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April 12, 2020 at 06:39 AM



“ *I will never forget our last lunch together. I brought you baked bone-in pork chops with potatoes. You liked it so much and seemed very happy that day. You told me stories from your life, including all the news from the nursing home. I enjoyed your company so much. I could never get enough of your kluski noodles. They were the best and the polish sausage was always a highlight. I remember how you taught me Polish poker. It was so much fun to play cards with you. I enjoyed every single conversation and phone call we had with each other. You were so kind and friendly. You looked out for others and had a heart of gold. You will never be forgotten.*

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**Kay Kunz** - April 11, 2020 at 07:14 PM



“ *What a beautiful woman inside and out! You lost a treasure in your life, but you are left with wonderful memories, until you meet again in heaven!*

*God is with you all. May God's peace overcome the grief you are now experiencing.*

*My love and heartfelt sympathy,  
Karen Murawski*

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**Karen Murawski** - April 11, 2020 at 07:12 PM

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“My heart hurts knowing that I will never again make the call to say, “Hi Grandma, it’s Myszka,” but it finds comfort knowing that grandma is at peace. Although it was hard to lose her on my birthday, my prayer this year for my birthday was that her suffering would end and that if she could not be well enough to sing “Sto Lat” for me here, that she would instead be able to sing “Sto Lat” from the heavens with joy and strength back in her voice. She was the best grandma anyone could ask for, and I am honored to have been given my middle name after such an amazing woman, who I truly admire. She loved more than most people could ever comprehend and was happiest when serving the Lord and her family. I will always hold dear all the memories of grandma – from walking with her to watch my sister through the fence at school while she watched me as I was young, to her and Auntie Verna laughing so hard at the cousin sleep over that they nearly peed in their pants because grandma switched her words and called Rebecca “Jell-o”, to all the holidays that will never be the same again without her homemade feast and handwritten name cards that made everything perfect. Even then, she usually ate by herself at the desk and kept watch on the food while we all ate because her pride and joy was never to seek attention for herself, but to see her family and make sure they were beyond well-fed! We might have been shocked to learn that she hung our Polish sausage in the basement for days to dry and then knocked it down into laundry baskets with a ruler, but whatever grandma did, her food was always the best. How she managed to make hundreds of paczki each year by herself, we will never understand! I have no doubt that the Lord has not only prepared a spot at His table for her, but a spot in His kitchen as well! I’ll always treasure the pride with which she and grandpa beamed when they watched me as a Krakow Polish dancer, and how even after nearly 2 decades of my illness, she still told me even a few weeks ago that she prayed every day that I will be cured someday and able to dance the Krakowiak again. No matter how much she was suffering, she never stopped praying for everyone else. I know that she and grandpa are polka-dancing in heaven, and that one day when I am there, whole and healed again, we will all dance

*together. When I got sick, she sent me letters in the mail all the time so I wouldn't feel alone and told me frequently how much she wished she could give me her healthy organs to heal me. That's how grandma was – she gave everything from love. One time when I told her that we were going to buy new dish towels, she told me that I should come take hers from her drawers instead. Of course we didn't, but she would have given someone the socks right off her feet if they needed them. I am grateful that grandma loved Kay from the moment she met him and will never forget how she told me that she always prayed every day until then that I would find someone to love me despite my health struggles. It made me smile to see the smile on her face in the pictures Kay sent me from his lunch dates with her at Clifden, and it was an honor for me to hunt down her favorites – liver and onions piled high with extra onions and bone-in breaded pork chops. I had a hard time finding them, and when several restaurants asked me if it really mattered if they had the bone, and I told them, "My 93 year old grandmother has specifically requested there be a bone..." and then they knew I meant business! Grandma was full of love and wit until the end, and life will never be the same without her. I will love you always, Grandma – Kocham Cie, Your Myszka and Little Helen.*

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**Michelle Slusar** - April 11, 2020 at 07:08 PM

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**Michelle Slusar** - April 11, 2020 at 07:24 PM

KR

*I am sooo glad that both of my daughters knew the depth of the love my mother had for both of them and had a role model of such a giving grandmother. She was a blessing to me and my daughters.  
Kathy*

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**Kathleen Roszak** - April 11, 2020 at 08:44 PM

KS

“ I will always remember the time making pazckis at the house, Christmases in the basement, the soups & spaghetti you always made. I'm glad you loved the Polish soups & other soups I made and said tasted just like your mom used to make and that she would've been proud. Enjoyed picking out Polish foods for you that I thought you would like at the stores in Chicago the times my mom & I went. Doing those things won't be the same now without knowing I'll be sharing them with you. You were the best grandma and we will always love you and cherish memories with you!

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**Kimberly Slusar** - April 11, 2020 at 05:49 PM

RH

“ I will treasure every memory of my grandma. Every visit I had with her, whether it was at her home, outside yard, ER, Hospital room, Dycora rehab, or Clifton, I have pictures of every experience. From sleepovers with the cousins in grandma’s living room, making popcorn on the stove, or teaching me how to make kluski and angel food cake frosting, to playing cards, learning how to sew/thread a needle to fix the button on my jeans, or the laughs we had when I visited her, usually every Saturday, at the assisted living, I will always cherish the memories. I will miss listening to her jokes. She always made me laugh; telling me when she had to go to the bathroom, or what she ate for her meals. She especially made it clear, saying what she didn’t like. The love she had for her children/grandchildren and their spouses, and her great grandchildren was always true. One of my favorite memories will always be the look on her face when Doug and I delivered a polish meal to grandma from the Polish dinner at St Josaphat’s. I will always remember the enjoyment she got from my visits, the love she had for her tomatoes (“they are golden”), and her appreciation for Doug’s baking (muffins, cookies, lemon bars, etc.). She especially told everyone that I was the granddaughter that called her everyday, rain or shine, sometimes twice or three times a day, and she called me her bingo good luck charm. She loved playing bingo with me; she always wanted to win so she could get a prize for her grandchildren or great grandchildren. I loved visiting her, dropping off juice boxes, because she always said they were refreshing and quenched her thirst. I don’t think anyone will forget what she called her legs (her ‘shanks’), and she always was so kind-hearted to everyone that she met. I will miss her dearly. I love you, Grandma. You’re with grandpa and your family now. Until we meet again.

God bless,  
Love Becca

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Rebecca Habersetzer - April 11, 2020 at 05:04 PM

KR

*I'm sooo glad you have these memories of my mom, your grandma.  
We all are lucky to have had her in our lives.  
Aunt Kathy*

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**Kathleen Roszak** - April 11, 2020 at 05:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Helen C. Roszak.*



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April 11, 2020 at 03:57 PM

KR

“ *The A B C 's of mom's life.*

*A apple pie baker*

*B bingo player*

*C card player Royal Rummy with her sisters Garbage with Rebecca*

*D dancer of polkas*

*E early riser staying in bed past 6;30 am was sleeping late*

*F face without wrinkles even at 93*

*G Gospel Classics watched on TV*

*H heart of gold*

*I ice cream cone eater ( Thanks Terrie )*

*J joke teller*

*K kluski maker for Christmas Eve*

*L lover of all her family*

*M memorizer of telephone numbers*

*N ninety three years blessed this world*

*O oatmeal eater*

*P paczki maker*

*Q quick to feed you whenever you'd come to visit*

*R rosary said every day*

*S sang to all her great grandchildren*

*T tomato lover*

*U unforgettable woman*

*V veteran's wife*

*W wore wigs with all her sisters*

*eXercise leader at Clifden Court Assisted Living*

*Y yellow cherry tomatoes her favorite snack*

*Zzz resting in peace*

*Kathy*

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**Kathleen Roszak** - April 11, 2020 at 02:21 PM

TO

*So beautiful, Kathy. Amazing tribute to your incredible mother!*

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**Teress Otzelberger** - April 11, 2020 at 02:36 PM

TO

“ Aunt Helen, you and I shared many memories. I will never forget my visits with you on Saturday's. We laughed, cried, reminisced. You were 17 when I was born, and we were close ever since then  
Love you for always!

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**Teress Otzelberger** - April 11, 2020 at 01:49 PM