



Helen Dudak

April 8, 2014

Helen Agnes Nienaltowski was born on May 13, 1919, in Ravenna, Ohio. She grew up the youngest of five children in the time of the depression in a household filled with love, hard work and fun. She attended Ravenna High School where she played violin. She graduated from Business school and then worked in the engineering department of Lamb Electric in Kent, Ohio. She married Michael Dudak in 1939 and lived most of her life on a farm three miles north of Ravenna, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her husband Michael; her parents Casmir and Jozefa Bunkowski Nienaltowski; all of her brothers and sisters; and one great-grandson, Gavin Pepper. She is survived by her daughter Meleny Piotrowski of Hemet, CA; son David Dudak and wife Clara of Albuquerque, NM; eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Helen loved to garden and was a member of the Ravenna Garden Club for many years. Her other lifetime activities included reading, sewing, knitting, and other crafts. She was a 4H advisor for ten years as well as a Girl Scout leader. She loved traveling with Michael pulling their trailer behind them, and the two of them were very active in the Su-Cuy-Po camping club for many years. She and Michael loved the farm in Ohio, but moved to Albuquerque in July of 2000 to be closer to family as age caught up with both of them. In 2012, after Michael's death, Helen moved to Hemet, CA to live with her daughter Meleny and bask in the California sun. Rosary will be recited on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at FRENCH – Lomas, with visitation beginning at 6:30 p.m. Funeral Mass will be celebrated Wednesday, April 16,

2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Prince of Peace Catholic Parish, 12500 Carmel Ave. NE. In lieu of flowers, donations can be given in her name to the Catholic Church, any Hospice group or the American Heart Association.

Cemetery Details

Gate of Heaven Cemetery

7999 Wyoming Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, NM

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **15**. 6:30 AM (MT)

FRENCH Funerals - Cremations (Lomas)
10500 Lomas Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87112
(505) 275-3500
<https://www.FrenchFunerals.com>

Rosary

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Mass of Christian Burial

APR **16.** 10:00 AM (MT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
12500 Carmel Ave. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87122

Tribute Wall



“ *French Funerals created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen Dudak*



FRENCH Funerals & Cremations - April 15, 2014 at 05:18 PM

BH

“ *Even though we got to spend so little time together over the years, I was blessed by the path you lead. What a wonderful kind soul you have been and still are to me and many others ...you are missed.*

much love,

Bill Hanson

Bill Hanson - April 15, 2014 at 07:42 PM

JN

“ *Melanie and David Just saw your mother's obit in the Record-Courier on-line newspaper here in New Jersey. Sorry to hear of her passing. I think she is the last link to the generation ahead of us. Your parents were very lovable people. I have been living in New Jersey since 1968. Mick aka Joseph Michael Nuspl*

joseph michael nuspl - April 15, 2014 at 02:34 PM

ND

“ I am so sorry to lose my best friend, Helen, her and Mike spent many good times with my husband, Gale, and I , camping was such a great time for us. I will miss all the good times and more recently our phone conversations to get emotional support in these later years. All my sympathy to the family, Norma J. Davis, Ravenna, Ohio

Norma Davis - April 14, 2014 at 12:06 PM

RE

“ Babcia. I have a child-like feeling over your passing. As a kid, life's certainties were that grandparents and favorite pets lived forever. Logic dictates reality, and yet I find myself disbelieving it could actually be true that my dream is just that. I cannot imagine not telling you about our goings-on, sharing pictures of the kids, all over a of Chamomile tea.

Modest you are; to me you were a saint of this world, kindness, gentleness and selflessness I can only hope to emulate. I can hear your gentle voice and feel your gentle touch.

All the heavenly Experiences you had on earth, you are now a part of! I will always miss you and remember you fondly. Thank you for the gifts of the heart and mind you imparted on us all.

I love you dearly, and i hope I live a life worthy of your protection and prayer from above.

Becca-boo

rebecca - April 12, 2014 at 02:25 AM

PA

“ David and Clara,

I was very saddened to learn of Miss Helen's passing earlier this week. I will miss her very much as I know that you both will as well. I was sorry that I did not get the opportunity to see her one last time. I do know that she is so happy to be with your Dad, Dave. She use to talk to me about him at Church on Sunday's and how much she missed him. It is a blessing to know that they are once again together.

*Know that my thoughts and prayers are with the two of you,
Pattie*



Pattie - April 11, 2014 at 03:23 PM