



Helen M. (Lavoie) Piessens

January 1, 1945 - December 4, 2017

Helen Marie (Lavoie) Piessens passed away unexpectedly after an acute coronary episode on December 4, 2017 at the age of 72.

Helen was born in Methuen on January 1, 1945. Raised and educated in Lawrence, she graduated with high honors from Sacred Heart High School as part of the Class of 1963. Valuing higher education and advanced learning, Helen attended Merrimack College and received a Bachelors of Arts degree near the top of her graduating class in 1967. With an unparalleled work ethic, she pursued successful careers in the fields of teaching, banking, and marketing. Prior employers include Haverhill High School, Lawrence Eagle Tribune, Honeywell, Salem Sportswear, Bike Athletic and Merrill Lynch. In 2012, Helen returned to Merrimack College as Administrative Assistant for the Economics Department and, most recently, as Senior Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Liberal Arts. Helen enjoyed being part of and serving the close knit Merrimack College community.

Helen was a sincere and selfless woman who dedicated herself to her family. Quick to offer assistance to anyone in need, she was a great friend to many. Helen also held a deep compassion for animals, devoting herself to such causes as The Humane Society, The Animal Rescue League, the ASPCA and the MSPCA. She formed an irreplaceable bond with her rescue dog, Lilly, as she had with several other rescue dogs before her. Helen touched so many lives and will be deeply missed. Helen spent much of her free time enjoying her grandchildren and caring for animals.

Helen was the beloved mother to her three children: Michael A. Piessens of Windham, NH; Lisa A. Michel and her husband Paul Michel of Haverhill, MA; and Julie M. McNeeley and her husband Michael McNeeley of Edina, MN. She was the cherished grandmother to Michael ("Mikey"), Larissa, Matthew, Alyssa, Olivia, and Liam. Helen is also survived by her brother, Richard Lavoie and his wife Judith of Tellico Plains, TN. Helen is preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Lucienne (Pomerleau) Lavoie.

Visitation for Helen will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2017 from 9-11 AM at the

Merrimack College, Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, 315 Turnpike Street, North Andover, MA. Friends and family are cordially invited to attend. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at the conclusion of calling hours, beginning promptly at 11 AM. To honor Helen's wishes, interment will be privately held for immediate family members. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Helen's memory to either: the Nevins MSPCA, 400 Broadway, Methuen, MA, or to the Salem Animal Rescue League, 4 SARL Drive, Salem, NH 03079. To leave an online condolence, please visit <http://www.pollardfuneralhome.com>. The Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home is proud to serve the Piessens family.

Events

DEC **Calling Hours** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher
315 Turnpike Street, North Andover, MA, US, 01845

DEC **Mass** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ We would like to express our deepest sympathies to Ricky and the entire family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

-The Clarke family



Keith and Louise Clarke - December 09, 2017 at 10:30 PM



“ Helen made going to work more enjoyable each day. I'm going to miss our early morning conversations and picking her brain on a daily basis.

Samantha Bruno - December 09, 2017 at 10:53 AM



“ I am very saddened to hear of the sudden passing of cousin Helen. My family and I would like to express our deepest sympathies to her brother, Ricky and all of her children. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. May she Rest In Peace.

Deepest Condolences,

Keith&Louise Clarke

Keith and Louise Clarke - December 08, 2017 at 09:10 PM



“ My care and prayers go out to Helen's family and her loved ones. I was a classmate of Helen's throughout our high school years at Sacred Heart High in Lawrence, Ma. We lost touch as the years passed by, but I will always remember her brilliant and inquisitive mind as well as her loving kindness toward all. Her talents were many and she seemed so filled with life and ongoing commitments that her sudden death leaves many of us sad and in great shock. Please know I hold each of you in my heart and in my prayers.

I'm deeply sorry for your loss.
Anne Marie (Croteau) Lavigne



Anne Marie Lavigne - December 08, 2017 at 07:04 PM



“ Helen was a classmate of mine from Sacred Heart High School. She was always head in the class, very smart person. It was several years later that we reconnected. It was nice having lunch with her and our fellow classmates. She was very proud of her children and her grandchildren. Helen was very kind and loved her little dog,

It was a shock to hear and read about her passing. So sad.
May she Rest In Peace.

Christine Kattar

Christine Kattar - December 08, 2017 at 02:24 PM



“ Helen was warm and lovely, and she always brightened my day whenever I had the good fortune to cross paths with her. I will miss her very much. Christina

Christina - December 08, 2017 at 10:10 AM



“ I send my sympathy and prayers to Helen's family and so sad to hear of her passing. Helen was a close friend during our high school years at Sacred Heart and reconnected at one of our class reunion get together. I live in Ohio so don't get to many. There are lots of wonderful memories during those high school years, she was a good friend. Blessings to all, Helen will be greatly missed. Pat Rose Smith

Pat Rose Smith - December 08, 2017 at 09:33 AM



“ A beautiful and loving person. She will be dearly missed

Mark Allman - December 08, 2017 at 09:28 AM