



Helen Richiski

November 25, 1925 - June 21, 2019

Helen Richiski, a native of Stamford and longtime resident of Old Greenwich, passed away peacefully on the morning of Friday, June 21, 2019, at The Nathaniel Witherell nursing home. Born in Stamford on November 25, 1925, Helen was one of three children born to the late Felix and Anna (Kopec) Goscienski. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Peter P. Richiski, in 1973. Helen was 93 years old at the time of her passing.

Helen graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in 1943, where she was known to her best friends as “Peanuts” and was a helpful and cheery friend to all. She graduated from St. Vincent’s School of Nursing in Bridgeport in 1946. Helen loved being a nurse. During her career of 51 years, she worked at Stamford Hospital, St. Joseph’s Hospital, on private-duty cases, and at The Nathaniel Witherell. Throughout her career, she also served as a volunteer nurse.

Helen was a lifelong, devout, and active member of Holy Name of Jesus Parish and proud of her Polish heritage. She will always be remembered for cherishing her family and friends, visiting them and welcoming them into her home with a smile and her bright blue eyes; her love of knitting, crocheting, quilting, and other handwork; cooking; dining out; traveling; listening to music; and playing Bingo with her friends at the Holy Name Senior Center and Greenwich Senior Center. Helen will also be remembered for her courage and

strength. Her personal quote in her senior yearbook from Sacred Heart Academy reads, "They conquer who believe they can."

Helen is survived by three loving daughters: Judy Torska, Ellen Lohman and husband John, and Carol Onorato and husband Kevin; six grandchildren: Michael, Jonathan, Daniel, Catie, Carly and Laurence; two brothers, Philip Goscienski and wife Pat and Thomas Goscienski and wife Jo; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to her husband and parents, Helen was predeceased by her son, Peter P. Richiski, Jr.

A wake will be held for Helen on Thursday, June 27th, from 4pm to 8pm, at Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue, Stamford, CT 06902. A Mass of Christian burial will take place on Friday, June 28th, at 11am at Holy Name of Jesus Roman Catholic Church, 325 Washington Blvd., Stamford, CT 06902. The interment will immediately follow at St. Mary Roman Catholic Cemetery, 399 North St., in Greenwich.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Holy Name of Jesus Memorial Fund, 4 Pulaski St., Stamford, CT 06902 or to a charity of your choice.

The family has entrusted Helen's final arrangements to Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue, in Stamford. If you would like to leave an online condolence message for the family, please visit the family guestbook on bosakfuneralhome.com or on Facebook at facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bosak Funeral Home
453 Shippan Avenue
Stamford, CT 06902
(203) 325-9300
<https://www.bosakfuneralhome.com/>

Service

JUN 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Name of Jesus Parish
325 Washington Blvd.
Stamford, CT 06902
(203) 363-0381
info@holynamestamford.org
<http://www.holynamestamford.org/>

Burial

JUN 28. 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Mary R.C. Cemetery - Greenwich
399 North Street
Greenwich, CT 06830
(203) 869-7026
<https://www.stmarygreenwich.org/>

Tribute Wall

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“ Please accept my sincere condolences. I will miss Helen's smile and quick wit. "See you in Heaven Helen!"

Love Cherie Onorato

Cherie M Onorato - June 27, 2019 at 09:26 AM

AS

“ Your mom was a wonderful lady! We enjoyed listening to her and her stories. She loved her knitting. She was so sweet and so caring. You have our deepest condolences. May “God “ give you and your family strength during this difficult time. Ah she Rest In Peace.



Love,
Alexandra and Len Sophinos

Alexandra Sophinos - June 26, 2019 at 11:45 AM

MK

“ I am terribly sorry to hear the news of your mother's death. Please accept my sincere condolences. I can only pray to GOD to give you All the strength and courage to cope with this loss
Love Margaret Kulis.

Margaret Kulis - June 25, 2019 at 02:09 PM

PO

“ *Helen Richiski was beautiful inside and out. I have had the pleasure of knowing this wonderful soul for 35+ years and have always enjoyed her company and our talks. My sincere condolences to my sister in law, my nieces and the rest of the family. I can't stop thinking- how wonderful that she is reunited with her husband after so many years. May she Rest In Peace. You will be missed. Love always, Patty Onorato-lapichino*

Patty Onorato-lapichino - June 24, 2019 at 07:04 PM

KM

“ *Please accept my sincerest condolences over the loss of your mother and grandmother. Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time* ❤️

Kaitlin Mahar - June 24, 2019 at 12:43 PM