



Helen Margaret Glessner

January 16, 1923 - January 16, 2017

Helen M. Glessner, age 94, of Amboy, died peacefully on Monday, January 16, 2017, in her home. She was born January 16, 1923, in Amboy, the daughter of Frank and Kathryn (Ashenbrenner) Branigan. Helen was a lifelong resident of Amboy graduating from Amboy High School in 1941. She graduated from North Central College in 1946 taking a year off in 1943 to support the war effort by working at the Green River Ordnance Plant in Amboy.

Helen married L. Harold Glessner at St. Patrick Church in Amboy June 21, 1947.

She first taught at Amboy High School in 1947-48. She took time off to raise her family and returned to teaching in 1967. She taught Home Economics at Amboy Jr. High School and Amboy High School until 1986 when she retired to begin her life of leisure.

This included annual winter trips to visit her sisters and daughter Karen in Phoenix, AZ. When not traveling, her skills as a seamstress naturally led her to a quilting club with many beautiful results. She loved to play bridge and she belonged to several bridge clubs over the years. She and Harold also enjoyed many years as members of Shady Oaks Country Club.

Helen was active in an array of community groups including the Amboy Women's Club, the Amboy Community Organization, the American Legion Auxiliary, Lee County Home Extension, Girls State liason and Rockford Diocese Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. She was on the board of the

Amboy Depot Commission serving as president for 7 years. Because of her civic contributions, Helen was asked to serve as Grand Marshall of the Depot Days Parade in 2010.

Helen's ultimate wish finally came true this past fall when she watched her beloved Chicago Cubs win the World Series. This love affair started in 1933 when she beseeched her father to take her to a baseball game where both of them witnessed their first major league game together.

She had a very special Christmas gift this year meeting her two new great grandsons.

She is preceded her in death by her parents and her husband.

Survivors include her 3 children Karen (Dale) Timberlake of Phoenix, AZ, Jack (Debbie) Glessner of Flemington, NJ, and Linda (Bill) Disney of Dixon; 5 grandchildren Sarah (Jon) Repece, Angie (Hank) Deraney, Katie Glessner, Kyle Miller and Jon Miller; 1 step-grandson Matthew Disney, 2 great-grandsons Tanner Repece and Hank Deraney IV; 3 sisters Kathleen, Mary Louise, and JoAnne Branigan all of Phoenix, AZ.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, January 23, 2017, beginning with a 10:00 AM prayer service in the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy followed by a 10:30 AM Mass of Christian Burial at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy with the Rev. Timothy Draper and Rev. Msgr. Thomas Bales, co-officiating. Burial will follow in St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy. Visitation will be held on Sunday, January 22, from 2:00 until 6:00 PM in the funeral home with the Rosary recited at 5:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy

816 Rockyford Rd
Amboy, IL 61310

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **22**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Mihm-Jones Funeral Home, Amboy
303 East Main Street
Amboy, IL 61310
(815) 857-2611
info@thejonesfh.com
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

Service

JAN **23**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St Patrick Catholic Church Amboy
32 N Jones
Amboy, IL 61310

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Margaret Glessner*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Helen Margaret Glessner*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Roger and I want to extend our sincerest sympathy to Helen's family. Helen was a friend and neighbor of the Robbins family for many years. Helen was thoughtful and blessed many of us with her service to her church, community and county organizations. She will be missed by many.*

Roger and I are away for the winter or we would have shared our condolences in person.

Sincerely,

Michele and Roger Robbins

Michele Robbins - February 11, 2017 at 10:04 AM



“ *My sincere condolences and prayers to the Glessner Family.*

John Sedlacek

John Sedlacek - January 23, 2017 at 07:14 AM

AM

“ Mrs. Glessner was I good teacher. I enjoyed her classes. Later in life I enjoyed seeing her at the Long Branch. It always amazed me with the number of kids that went through her classes she always recognized me and knew my name. She was a wonderful person a real gem. 😍

Amy McCoy - January 21, 2017 at 11:21 PM

LB

“ My warmest condolences to the Glessner family. Mrs. Glessner was a wonderful teacher and I still have the tablecloth I hemmed in her class. She was a great lady and will be missed by all those whose lives she touched. My thoughts and prayers are with you.



Leesa Setchell Burke - January 21, 2017 at 07:23 PM



“ Finest Farewell Spray was purchased for the family of Helen Margaret Glessner.



January 21, 2017 at 11:26 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Helen Margaret Glessner.



January 21, 2017 at 09:36 AM

MK

“ *Maryann K. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Helen Margaret Glessner.*



Maryann K. - January 20, 2017 at 01:50 PM

KK

“ *Mrs. Glessner...a truly unique personality that saw and encouraged the gifts within. Looking back I realize she had the patience of a saint.*

Kathy Hargitt Kuebel - January 20, 2017 at 08:58 AM

SK

“ *Have fond memories of Mrs. Glessners Home Ec class...my sympathy to her family.*

Sharon Lilly Kueter - January 20, 2017 at 05:22 AM

SR

“ *Sandy Geuther Roseberg lit a candle in memory of Helen Margaret Glessner*



Sandy Geuther Roseberg - January 19, 2017 at 10:14 PM

 Jessie
Stewart

“ Prayers go out to Helen's family from the entire Stewart family.



Jessie Stewart - January 19, 2017 at 08:39 PM

KJ

“ So sorry for your loss. I loved working with her for our 25th and her 75th class reunion celebrations. She was one of a kind.

Karen Jones - January 19, 2017 at 07:47 PM

AM

“ Alice Masticola lit a candle in memory of Helen Margaret Glessner



alice masticola - January 19, 2017 at 06:26 PM

KH

“ Kim Haefner lit a candle in memory of Helen Margaret Glessner



kim haefner - January 19, 2017 at 06:06 PM

JB

“ *Jim And Marilyn Braida lit a candle in memory of Helen Margaret Glessner*



jim and marilyn braida - January 19, 2017 at 03:20 PM

JB

We have lost a great friend, teacher, Jones Street neighbor, but most of all a great and proud historian of our Amboy community. May she now rest in God's Eternal Peace. The Braida Family

jim and marilyn braida - January 19, 2017 at 03:23 PM

NL

I am one of many who had Mrs.Glessner for home ec. She truly was a great lady and a very patient teacher,I still sew to this day,thanks to her teaching!

nadene larson - January 19, 2017 at 05:57 PM

BB

“ *So sorry for your loss, Helen will be truly missed by many. I can hear her voice in my head to this day when I'm cooking and sewing.*

Barbara Powers Berger - January 19, 2017 at 01:14 PM

RO

“ *Rose purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Helen Margaret Glessner.*



Rose - January 19, 2017 at 10:22 AM

JM

“ Mrs. Glessner has touched so many young girls lives. I still remember her teaching us how to sew, do our nails, etc. Prayers to Linda and the family.

Julie Poage Mitschang - January 19, 2017 at 09:55 AM

LD

Thank you Julie. I will miss my best friend, but she gave us many great years.

Linda Disney - January 24, 2017 at 04:37 PM



“ Mrs Glessner was my home economics teacher. She made sure whatever project you were doing you did it right! And you did, because she was a great teacher. She taught with praise and kindness and never hesitated to tell you if it wasn't right. I still, after 40 years have the tablecloth I made in her class, because it was "done right". Thank you Mrs. Glessner for the sewing lessons and so much more. Say hello to my Dad for me.

Judy Gascoigne Stoner - January 19, 2017 at 09:40 AM

LD

Judy, I still have my tablecloth too. Thank you for your kind words.

Linda Disney - January 24, 2017 at 04:42 PM

RM

“ Randie & Mike Mirro lit a candle in memory of Helen Margaret Glessner



Randie & Mike Mirro - January 19, 2017 at 09:33 AM

MM

“ *Maura McGloin lit a candle in memory of Helen Margaret Glessner*



Maura McGloin - January 19, 2017 at 08:54 AM

BC

“ *Bonnie Carson lit a candle in memory of Helen Margaret Glessner*



Bonnie Carson - January 19, 2017 at 08:33 AM

BC

Deepest sympathy to Helen's family. I had your mother as a Home Ec teacher in Jr. High (69-70). As many know she was a very caring teacher helping you succeed not only with the project you were working on but for you to succeed in life itself.

Bonnie Carson - January 19, 2017 at 08:36 AM

JS

“ *Jeff And Carol Schnaiter lit a candle in memory of Helen Margaret Glessner*



Jeff and Carol Schnaiter - January 18, 2017 at 11:47 PM

JS

Amboy has lost a wonderful woman. Our thoughts and prayers to everyone.

Jeff and Carol Schnaiter - January 18, 2017 at 11:48 PM

RB

“ *Ron And Carol Biester lit a candle in memory of Helen Margaret Glessner*



Ron and Carol Biester - January 18, 2017 at 04:42 PM