



## Helen J. Kupferer

April 1, 1930 - October 31, 2014

Helen G. Kupferer, 84, of Kankakee, passed away Friday (Oct. 31, 2014) at River North Nursing Home in Bradley.

She was born April 1, 1930, in Anna, the daughter of Arzie and Margaret McGregor Turner. Helen married Joseph Kupferer on June 5, 1952. He preceded her in death in September 1988.

Helen was a longtime owner and operator of Helen's Hobby Crafts in Kankakee, was an instructor at KCC, volunteered with Catholic Charities, was a member of St. Rose of Lima Church in Kankakee, loved to paint and also enjoyed floral design. Helen loved to travel and was able to travel to Ireland. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Surviving are sons, Richard (Tammy) Kupferer, of Momence, Larry Kupferer (Paula Tapp), of Kankakee, Jim Kupferer (special friend, Rita), of Kankakee; daughters, Janice Sullivan (Mary Ann Quejada), of Palm Springs, Calif., Mary (Tim) Johnson, of Oswego, Chris (Mike) Balind, of Bonfield; and longtime family friends, Annie Syrstad, of Kankakee, and Tom Syrstad, of Connecticut; 13 grandchildren, Kevin, Brion, Andy, Amber, Jennifer, Kelly, Brittany, Stephanie, Kendall, Jim, Kyle, Amanda and Garrett; and 13 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, preceding her in death were an infant son, Daniel Kupferer; one brother, James Turner; and her parents.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, Kankakee. An additional time for visitation will be from 10 a.m. Thursday until the 11 a.m. funeral Mass at St. Mary's Church in Anna, with the Rev. Federico Higuera officiating. Burial will be in Anna City Cemetery in Anna. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Catholic Charities or the family's wishes.

# Cemetery Details

## Anna City Cemetery

Anna, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Visitation

NOV 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
Anna, IL

## Funeral Mass

NOV 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
Anna, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen J. Kupferer



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - November 07, 2014 at 10:26 AM

KR

“ Krystal Martin( Riverside) lit a candle in memory of Helen J. Kupferer



Krystal Martin( Riverside) - November 10, 2014 at 09:28 AM

TD

“ We are so sorry about the loss of your mother. We were behind in reading the newspaper and didn't see this until tonight. Thoughts and prayers to your family. Tom and Ruth Denoyer



Tom Denoyer - November 06, 2014 at 09:06 PM

JA

“ *Janice lit a candle in memory of Helen J. Kupferer*



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**janice** - November 04, 2014 at 11:49 PM

VT

“ *Helen and I became friends when I was a student of hers at KCC. When I opened my shop she came at times to visit me, and when she worked for Catholic Charity she took care of one of our neighbors and I saw a lot of her then. We became very good friends. She often talked of you kids and she was very proud of all of you. She will be missed. Be careful with your trip to Anna tomorrow. I only know how it goes as we took my Dad to Metropolis. Sincere condolences to all of you. Virginia Trout former TPMA FLORAL*

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**Virginia Trout** - November 04, 2014 at 07:09 PM

PS

“ *Peggy Schaff lit a candle in memory of Helen J. Kupferer*



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**Peggy Schaff** - November 04, 2014 at 05:44 PM

RB

“ I am so very sorry for your loss.... Your Mom was a lovely lady and I always enjoyed her company and her laugh.

Your family is in our prayers.

Rhonda Bouchard

Paula Ruyle

Jackie & Biff Ames



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Rhonda Bouchardq - November 04, 2014 at 03:27 PM

CB

“ Chris Balind lit a candle in memory of Helen J. Kupferer



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Chris Balind - November 04, 2014 at 07:51 AM

PK

“ Pat, Donna, Fred, Krys purchased the With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket for the family of Helen J. Kupferer.



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Pat, Donna, Fred, Krys - November 03, 2014 at 03:12 PM

GH

“ We always had a great time when we visited with you, be it in Kankakee or at the reunions. We love you and will miss your smile and kindness. RIP Aunt Helen!  
Geralyn

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Geralyn Hodge - November 03, 2014 at 01:45 PM

MJ

“ *May God comfort you and draw you closer to Him and each other with love as God loves us all !!*

*Mark A. Jones*



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**Mark A. Jones** - November 03, 2014 at 10:56 AM

AM

“ *Amanda lit a candle in memory of Helen J. Kupferer*



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**Amanda** - November 03, 2014 at 10:17 AM



“ *Wings of Gold Set was purchased for the family of Helen J. Kupferer.*



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November 02, 2014 at 11:14 AM