



## Helen "Helly" Marczak

February 21, 1930 - December 31, 2023

Helen "Helly" Marczak, age 93, of Kankakee passed away Sunday, December 31, 2023 at her home. She was born February 21, 1930 in Brockton, MA, the daughter of Robert & Helen (Swarce) Bovard. Helen married Edmund Marczak on January 31, 1952 at St. Teresa Catholic Church in Kankakee. He preceded her in death on September 27, 1985.

Helly worked for Dun & Bradstreet and had been a waitress at Tri-K Restaurant, Marty's, and Excalibur. She had been the owner of lounges for over 47 years including Golden Key Club, the Recovery Room, and Out on a Limb. Helly enjoyed tending bar and her customers. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family and friends. For over 40 years, she went every Sunday on excursions with her cousin Jeannie, and later she included her granddaughters in on those excursions. She enjoyed trips to Myrtle Beach and Sunday dinners with her family.

She was a parishioner of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee.

Surviving are one son, Lance Marczak (Sally Foster) of Kankakee; two daughters, Pam (Alan) Block of Kankakee and Patti Marczak of Kankakee; three grandchildren, Taylor (Tim) Klopp, Alex Tapia (Danny Walsh), and Luke Block; and one great-grandchild, Kenzie Klopp. In addition to her husband, Edmund Marczak, Helly is preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Robert Bovard; and one nephew, Collin Bovard.

Visitation will be held from 2-7 p.m. on Friday, January 5, 2024 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. A prayer service will be held at

6:30 p.m. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 6, 2024 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee. Rev. Matt Pratscher will celebrate the Mass. Cremation rites will be accorded following the Mass. Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 5. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Prayer Service

JAN 5. 6:30 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Mass

JAN 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
428 S. Indiana  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-6716

# Tribute Wall

RG

“ Sending deepest sympathy to Lance, his sisters, and all the family.  
Her love for you shines through and may that always sustain you.

Rebecca Gonski - January 07, 2024 at 04:13 PM

MC

“ Prayers to the family



Margaret Roberts Chaney - January 06, 2024 at 07:45 PM

MW

“ Michelle West lit a candle in memory of Helen  
"Helly" Marczak



Michelle West - January 05, 2024 at 10:08 AM

PC

“ Patricia Capriotti lit a candle in memory of  
Helen "Helly" Marczak



Patricia Capriotti - January 05, 2024 at 09:25 AM

TL

“ Tom And Candy LaFond lit a candle in memory of Helen "Helly" Marczak



Tom and Candy LaFond - January 04, 2024 at 11:18 PM

TL

So sorry for your loss Lance she has made such a impact in K3 always loved

Tom and Candy LaFond - January 04, 2024 at 11:23 PM

TP

“ Our sincere condolences from Thomas P. Peterson and family

Thomas Peterson - January 04, 2024 at 09:52 PM

JL

“ Jerry LeVeque lit a candle in memory of Helen "Helly" Marczak



Jerry LeVeque - January 04, 2024 at 11:25 AM

JJ

“ Jolinda Jones lit a candle in memory of Helen "Helly" Marczak



Jolinda Jones - January 04, 2024 at 06:39 AM



“ *What a Great lady. She was always a shining star in my world. Thanks Helly. Love Mike.*

Ronald Heck - January 03, 2024 at 09:38 PM

GP

“ *Gloria P. lit a candle in memory of Helen "Helly" Marczak*



Gloria P. - January 03, 2024 at 04:17 PM



“ *We are sorry for your loss. It was always a pleasure talking with Helly, and she will be missed.*

Ron Miller - January 03, 2024 at 03:12 PM

DM

“ *Helly and all of her loved ones are in my thoughts and prayers. I pray that she graduated from this life to a heavenly, spiritual, eternal existence. Hopefully she is praying for her loved ones now from the other side of the veil that divides this earthly existence from our eternal, spiritual life. God bless Helly and all of us!*

Dave McWhinnie - January 03, 2024 at 11:37 AM

DC

“ Oh Pammy, the memories of your mom putting up with our antics in high school will be cherished forever. Focus on all the heart warming stories, your going to hear, and let them fill the loss. in your heart, knowing that she meant so much, to so many people. She was a beautiful woman with a heart of gold and a never ending smile. Our mom's are now bartending in heaven, I can just see it. Lol. We are thinking of you and your family during this tough time. Love ya gf. Debbie Jain Cooke and Bryce.

Debbie Cooke - January 03, 2024 at 07:49 AM

SC

“ Helly was 1 of the sweetest lady lady's I knew , 1 of my sisters dearest friends, Jeannie loved her and loved there friendship. Helly will be missed by so many, my prayers are with the family

Shirley Connors - January 02, 2024 at 11:36 PM

WM

“ My very deepest sympathy to all that loved her, especially her beloved children. Prayers their way and for all of Helly's family and friends. She will be greatly missed.

William Maass - January 02, 2024 at 10:06 PM

JT

“ Sorry so for your loss may the lord be with you all from Janie and Terry



Janie Trumble - January 02, 2024 at 08:49 PM

BD

“ Condolences sent to Helly's Family, Greg & Barb Dams



Barb Dams - January 02, 2024 at 08:41 PM

BS

“ Pam, Lance and Patti, so sorry for your loss. Remember all the good times.



Bev Sorensen - January 02, 2024 at 06:34 PM

NA

“ Sending my condolences to the family. Your Mom was the best. She was a Mom to me ❤️. She would yell at everytime I came to town. She tell me that I need to move back and get a job up there.



Nancy - January 02, 2024 at 06:06 PM

SS

“ Sally A Schell lit a candle in memory of Helen "Helly" Marczak



sally A schell - January 02, 2024 at 04:23 PM

KG

“ *Kim St. Germaine sent a virtual gift in memory of Helen "Helly" Marczak*



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**Kim St. Germaine** - January 02, 2024 at 03:43 PM



“ *Kaye Wallace lit a candle in memory of Helen "Helly" Marczak*



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**Kaye Wallace** - January 02, 2024 at 03:15 PM

PH

“ *Patty & Scott Haskins lit a candle in memory of Helen "Helly" Marczak*



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**Patty & Scott Haskins** - January 02, 2024 at 02:38 PM

EF

“ *Eleanor Franks lit a candle in memory of Helen "Helly" Marczak*



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**Eleanor Franks** - January 02, 2024 at 02:05 PM



“ *Bob Schneider lit a candle in memory of Helen "Helly" Marczak*



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**Bob Schneider** - January 02, 2024 at 01:31 PM



“ *Terry Wilson-Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Helen "Helly" Marczak*



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**Terry Wilson-Lloyd** - January 02, 2024 at 01:28 PM



*My condolences to your entire family.*

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**Terry Wilson-Lloyd** - January 02, 2024 at 01:29 PM



“ *KNEW HER SINCE CHILDHOOD.SHE WAS MY SISTER BETTY FRIEND R.I.P. PRAYERS*

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**Kathy Berg** - January 02, 2024 at 10:57 AM