



## Helen M. Wotring

August 21, 1926 - August 18, 2021

Helen M. Wotring, age 94, of Kankakee, passed away Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at Heritage Woods of Manteno.

She was born August 21, 1926 in Toledo, OH, the daughter of Rudolph & Gladys Gambrill Kuehmann.

She married Ernest E. Wotring Jr. on May 7, 1949 in Toledo, OH. He preceded her in death on August 18, 1982, exactly 39 years to the date of Helen's passing.

Helen was a deputy clerk at the Kankakee County Clerk's Office, retiring after many years of service.

She was a former Brownie and 4-H Leader. She enjoyed working puzzles, sewing, crafting, playing BINGO and other games and watching her Chicago "Cubbies." She was a former member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Surviving are three daughters, Carol & Jim Wasser of St. Anne, Christine & Ken Kaul of LeClaire, IA, and Nancy Koch of Whitehouse, TN. She is lovingly remembered as "Grandma Tootsie" by her eight grandchildren, Michelle, Jimmy, Jennifer, Stephanie, Marcene, Jackson, Kaylene, and Greyson; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

In addition to her husband, she is preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Charles; and one sister, Alice.

Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until the 1:00 p.m. funeral service on Saturday, August 21, 2021 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Rev. Dan Belanger will officiate the service.

Private burial will follow.

Memorials may be made to the Special Needs Sports Foundation.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **21**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

AUG **21**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CA

“ Carol and family, we are so sorry for your loss. You were so fortunate to have for so many years. Mike & Carole Toliuszis

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**Carole** - August 23, 2021 at 04:06 PM

PZ

“ Sorry to learn of Helen's passing. She and her late husband Ernie were good friends of my parents (Don and Darlene Ziemer) for many, many years. Helen made my mom a stitched arrangement of flowers that she proudly displayed in her home both in IL and here in WA. My sincere condolences to all of you.

*Paul Ziemer*

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**Paul Ziemer** - August 22, 2021 at 11:26 PM

PD

“ So sorry to hear of Helen's passing I m so sorry I missed the services. I just found out today. My deepest condolences to her family. Helen was a quite a lady. I loved her personality and her opinions on everything! She will definitely be missed. May her memory be an eternal Blessing.

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**Penny Denoyer** - August 21, 2021 at 05:18 PM

BL

“ From the very first moment I met Helen we became so much more than simply friends. She instantly touched my heart. From then on we would share stories about everything. Her hugs and kisses brightened each of my days. We would say every day to each other "I love you". My heart is broken knowing she is gone. I love you so very much my sweet, sweet angel. Looking forward to the day when I can see you again.

Beth Lomma - August 20, 2021 at 10:56 PM

SH

“ I met Helen when I started working at Heritage Woods as the receptionist. I fell in love with her from the beginning and considered her my stand in mother. I will truly miss this wonderful woman. Rest In Peace my dear Helen. Love and prayers. Sherri Herrera

sherri Herrera - August 20, 2021 at 09:55 PM

ST

“ I was a hair stylist for years at Heritage Woods and Helen was one of my very faves. She could always make me laugh and had the best stories to tell!! She will definitely keep The Big Man busy up their!! Loved her wit and charm! Stephanie (Goldtrap) Tapanes



Stephanie Goldtrap Tapanes - August 20, 2021 at 09:42 PM

BE

“ My sympathy goes out to Helen's family. She was a friend to my Mom and Aunt. She was a beautiful person.

Beth Erzinger - August 20, 2021 at 01:05 PM

DD

“ Was privileged to care for Mrs. Wotring during my time in Kankakee. A lovely and gentle soul. Blessing to her family, Dr. David Debono

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**David Debono** - August 19, 2021 at 11:51 PM

JE

“ Worked with Helen in the County Clerk’s office. She was a nice person & I enjoyed working with her. My condolences to her loved ones.

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**Julie Enright** - August 19, 2021 at 08:45 PM

VR

“ Deepest sympathy to Helen's family. I held the Thursday night non-denominational Christian service at Heritage Woods, Manteno where she resided. She was one of the inaugural tenants and always welcomed newcomers making our service known and special. I could always depend on Helen being there. She was a cheerfully person and always spread her joy to me and others. Her front row attendance will be missed.  
In God's loving grace, Valgene Raloff

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**Valgene E Raloff** - August 19, 2021 at 07:09 PM

 Tim Ravens

“ Tim Ravens lit a candle in memory of Helen M. Wotring



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**Tim Ravens** - August 19, 2021 at 04:10 PM

CR

“ *Candy Ray lit a candle in memory of Helen M. Wotring*



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**Candy ray** - August 19, 2021 at 12:06 PM

JC

“ *Carol, Chris & Nancy - deepest sympathies on Tootie's passing. She will be sorely missed! Love you all! Mike & Judy Czarnecki*

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**Judy Czarnecki** - August 19, 2021 at 10:36 AM

TB

“ *Sympathy is extended to The Family. Sorry for Your Loss.*

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**The Bucks** - August 19, 2021 at 06:25 AM