



Helen M. LaCroix

January 22, 1932 - February 10, 2020

Helen Mae LaCroix passed away on February 10, 2020, at the age of 88. She was born on January 22, 1932, in Chicago, Illinois to Carl and Aino Johnson. Helen attended Illinois Wesleyan University where she pursued her passion for creating art and also met the love of her life, Chuck LaCroix. The couple married and enjoyed 61 wonderful years together. They were blessed with five children – Chuck Jr., Steve, David, Peter and Suzanne. Helen was a mother who beautifully balanced strong guidance with a gentle heart, providing her children with life-long principles and independent spirits. She treasured time with her loved ones and delighted in their company, especially when family gatherings brought everyone home to Lake Bluff.

Helen's works have been exhibited in several local and Midwest art galleries. She continued to share her love of art through teaching workshops at Gorton Community Center. Local art shows were her passion, where she often enjoyed sharing the experience with her husband and artist partner Chuck. Helen was proud of her Finnish heritage and maintained relationships with many relatives in Finland. She carried on her Scandinavian traditions and recipes with her loved ones.

Helen is survived by her son, Chuck and wife Patricia, of California; son, David of Lake Bluff; son, Peter and wife Julie of Florida; daughter, Suzanne and husband Rodney Woolford of North Carolina; and her grandchildren, Emily and Spencer Woolford, and Kailey and Gracie LaCroix.

She was predeceased by her husband, Charles LaCroix in 2015, a son, Steve

LaCroix, and her brother Raymond Johnson.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 14, 2020 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) in Libertyville. A visitation will be held at the funeral home Thursday from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. Interment will be at Memory Gardens in Arlington Heights. Memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimers Association. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
120 West Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 362-3009

Funeral Service

FEB 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Mom, it's been two years now since you passed, and we miss you more than words can say. Give Dad a hug, and Steve too, then know that you are forever in our thoughts and prayers. -- David XoXoXo

David LaCroix - January 16, 2022 at 10:35 AM

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“ Helen and I met through common friends when we all formed an investment group of women several decades ago. Helen was always prepared for our discussions, and was instrumental in making the meetings a success educationally -- and socially. Although we were a diverse group, we all enjoyed meeting together. Helen's artwork was another inspiration to others, and a source of pleasure. I loved seeing her booth at the juried art shows on Market Square, and getting a chance to view her latest accomplishments. Helen was also an inspiration in how she so lovingly took care of her husband in his final years, as he suffered from Alzheimer's. She achieved a great deal, and did it with such class.

Marge McClintock - March 01, 2020 at 02:51 PM

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“ Anna, Anne&Scott, Karen&Lello, Lisa, MiJeong&Jim purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of Helen M. LaCroix.



Anna, Anne&Scott, Karen&Lello, Lisa, MiJeong&Jim -
February 12, 2020 at 03:10 PM

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“ Anne Z. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Helen M. LaCroix.



Anne Z. - February 12, 2020 at 12:03 PM



“ Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Helen M. LaCroix.



February 11, 2020 at 12:13 PM