



Mary Helen Presar

October 23, 1919 - July 14, 2019

Mary Helen Presar, 99, of Wapakoneta, died 2:30 a.m., Sunday July 14, 2019, at the Wapakoneta Manor. She was born Oct. 23, 1919, in Auglaize Co., the daughter of Joe & Ada (Seifert) Harshbarger, who preceded her in death. On Feb. 3, 1940, she married Lee F. "Tater" Presar, and he died Nov. 30, 2000.

Survivors include,
4 children, Linda (Wilbur) Doseck,
Joe (Judie) Presar,
Randy (Deb) Presar,
Pam (Joe) Wachauf, all of Wapakoneta,
15 grandchildren,
32 great grandchildren,
& 10 great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Sandy Phipps; a granddaughter, Jodie Presar; and her siblings, Don Harshbarger, Janelle Sealschott, Betty Grigsby, Dick Harshbarger, and Jim Harshbarger.

A homemaker, Mary Helen worked at Fisher Cheese Co., and Murphys 5 & 10, both of Wapakoneta. She was a 1937 graduate of St. Joseph High School, and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, where she active with the Ladies' Sewing Group and the Resurrection Choir. Mary Helen's

hobbies included playing cards, and reading. In her younger years, along with her husband "Tater", she enjoyed traveling and wintering in Florida.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Wed. July 17, 2019, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, with Rev. Sean Wilson officiating. Burial is to follow in the St. Joseph Cemetery, Wapakoneta. The family will receive family and friends 4-8 p.m., Tues. July 16, and from 9:00 a.m.- 9:45 a.m., Wed. at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, 1102 Lincoln Ave. (St. Rt. 501), Wapakoneta. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Wapakoneta manor Activity Fund or St. Rita's Hospice. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Wapakoneta Fisher Road
Wapakoneta, OH 45895`

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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1102 Lincoln Ave.
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<http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com>

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Service

JUL 17. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Pearl Street
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Tribute Wall



“ *Eley Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Mary Helen Presar*



Eley Funeral Home & Crematory - July 16, 2019 at 01:48 PM

MH

“ *Joe, Judy and all the Presar family, we are very sorry to hear of Helen's passing. What a lovely lady she was. We are sending our sympathy to all and to say that we are on vacation and will not be able to attend her services or viewing. Please know that we are remembering Helen in our prayers. So very sorry for your loss. Gene and Margie Horman*

Margie Horman - July 17, 2019 at 12:05 PM

HC

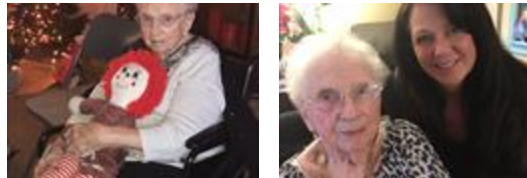
“ *I couldn't ask for a better person to be named after. With her sassy attitude, she never failed to put a smile on my face. She always offered a piece of candy to me whenever my family and I came to visit. But, by far my fondest memories of her include when she talked about her life. It's always so interesting to hear how my life differs from when she was my age.*

Heleena Cornwell - July 16, 2019 at 05:56 PM

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“ One of my fondest memories with Grandma was when she helped me prepare my 4-H project for the Auglaize County Fair. We spent many hours one summer together making this Raggedy Ann doll. Which I still have today. I love you Grandma.

Shelly Doseck Cornwell



Shari Salyers - July 16, 2019 at 06:58 AM

SS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Shari Salyers - July 16, 2019 at 06:45 AM

SS

“ Grandma Presar was so proud of all her grandchildren.



Shari Salyers - July 16, 2019 at 06:43 AM

SC

“ One of my fondest memories with grandma was spending every afternoon with her in the summers while she helped me prepare my 4-H projects for the County Fair. We would spend hours making a pattern and sewing an outfit to making the Raggedy Ann doll for a craft project. I never became the greatest seamstress, but I will always cherish the one on one time I got to spend with her. I will miss you grandma! Love, Shelly

Shelly Cornwell - July 16, 2019 at 06:38 AM

“ I can see her and Grandpa smiling arm and arm waving to us from heaven above. We Presar’s even had our own slice of heaven here on earth, known as Presar’s Pond. It was always welcoming, family or friend. You’d show up unannounced for a swim to cool off from a hot day and Grandpa Tator would be mowing the grass, concentrating so hard on his work that his tongue would hang out of his crooked smile like a dog. No words were needed and his arm would shoot up with with a big wave. You knew it genuinely meant , “Good to see ya!” Grandma would invite you in for a piece of candy from the white turkey dish that held all kinds of treats. Unbelievable, that woman never let that candy dish go empty! Life was truly like a box of chocolates to Grandma Helen.

The pond was a weekend getaway for Parents to come together after a hard week at work. There was lots of uchre playing, horseshoe throwing, delicious potlucks, fire pit cooking, swimming, camping, and bonfires under the starry sky. Now, I do have some questions about campfire songs. ??? Some were great songs that we would all sing happily when Linda would strum her guitar. For example, “Delta Dawn, “ I loved that song and happily sang along. But listen, some campfire songs were just very sad sad sad songs. Hey parents! Hey Aunts and Uncles! Were you trying to creep out all the children? Why did you insist on singing about “Three Babes Being Lost in the Woods?” Or “Hang Down your Head, Tom Doodley , Poor Boy you are going to Die? For us grandkids, There were many lessons learned there at the pond...

Don’t throw rocks into the pond!

You kids stop rocking the raft!

If you fish and throw it into the field, your dog will roll in it and stink to high heaven.

No flipping that raft!

If you are not a swimmer, Don’t go past the ropes! Made of used empty bleach bottles mind you.

Now as I’m older Grandma, I get it! You were wise! That was dangerous and I’d be scolding my kid too!

*Daffy, Chris, Shari and Shelly were lucky to have a Grandpa and Grandma as our neighbor. Back the lane we would walk, ride the horse, hold the handles of the mini bike, or speed on the go cart. Whether we were invited or unexpectedly just showed up, you always welcomed us w a smile and a wave. Thanks for the memories Grandpa and Grandma Presar!
The Doseck Grandkids*

Shari Salyers - July 15, 2019 at 06:54 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mary Helen Presar.*



July 15, 2019 at 10:31 AM



“ *Helen was a dear sweet friend. We enjoyed our times together when she lived on Wagner across the street from me. We were always looking for a good book to read. Some of our favorites were by Danielle Steel. I enjoyed visiting her at the Gardens and the Wapak Manor. She liked the oatmeal raisin cookies I brought her and the lemon pie from the Kewpee. On days that she wasn't feeling well, she would ask me this: Why doesn't God just take me? I told her that he didn't have her room ready for her yet. She seemed satisfied with that. I will miss our conversations but I know that she is at peace and that makes me happy for her. She was a special lady and so very proud of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
Terry Clark*

Mrs. Terry Clark - July 14, 2019 at 10:16 PM