



Helen A. Lander

August 18, 1935 - September 10, 2023

Helen A. Lander, 88, passed on Sunday, September 10, 2023 (Grandparents Day!!) at the Shook Home. She was born August 18, 1935 in Lebanon, PA. She was the daughter of the late Mary and Charles Hartman. She is survived by sister, Marilyn Mohl (Anthony) and sister-in-law, Joyce Hartman, her children: Cynthia Messinger (Glen), Stephen Lander (Sandy), Barbara Frelin (Ty), Carolyn Fillard (Will), and Susan McCurdy (Pat), 17 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her loving husband, James (Jim), daughter Diane, sister Christine, sister Lucille, and brother Bruce.

Helen was a devoted and kind mother to her six children. She made a "mean" cheese pie for all birthdays....and that's a lot of birthdays! While raising her children she was an extraordinarily hard worker both in the home and in the community. With her friends, she founded a nursery and preschool and affectionately became known as "Mommy Lander". She was actively involved in Corpus Christi Church, serving as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Cantor, choir member and religious education teacher. As evidenced by her service to children, she also founded the "Elizabeth Ministry," ministering to new mothers in the Church.

Helen had a beautiful voice and loved to sing! She and her husband were members of the Chambersburg Band and Chorus, "Sounds of the

Decades"....they even recorded an album! Not only could Helen sing, she could dance, and man, could she "cut a rug"...dancing her way into her senior years.

At the Shook Home, Helen radiated joy and happiness to all of her friends. From start to finish, in true Helen-fashion, she touched the lives of everyone around her!

A Mass of the Christian Burial will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, September 15, 2023 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church. There will be a visitation from 10:30 a.m.- 11:15a.m. at the church prior to the service. Burial will be in Corpus Christi Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **15**. 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM (ET)

Corpus Christi Catholic Church
320 Philadelphia Ave
Chambersburg, PA 17201

Mass

SEP **15**. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. It was truly a privilege caring for Helen when I worked at Shook. Helen had a beautiful light that shined in her eyes, she was a true Godsend. You could tell that she was special by just being in her presence. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. ☐

Erin Deneau - September 16, 2023 at 05:27 PM

NP

“ To the Landers' families. So sorry to find out about your loss. I always felt it was an honor to have had Mr and Mrs Lander to sing at David and my wedding at St Luke the Evangelist in Mercersburg, PA. My prayers are with all. Nancy Talian Portela..

Nancy Talian Portela - September 16, 2023 at 06:27 AM

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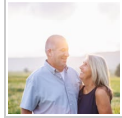
“ I have so many memories of Helen and my Father dancing in their later years and her visits to our family birthday parties, picnics and other occasions. She added so much happiness to his life. But most important to her was her family and her deep Catholic faith. I still have and treasure the many notes, Birthday cards and Christmas cards she sent me over the years. All expressing her love for Jesus and His importance in her life. He has put His arms around her and welcomed her to eternal life. Our sympathies to her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Much love, Diane and Dave's family

Diane Ebersole - September 13, 2023 at 03:56 PM

CM

Thank you Diane! She loved you all!!

Cynthia M Messinger - September 14, 2023 at 08:06 PM



Oh that is beautiful Diane, thank you! Always treasure the memories
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Barbara Frelin - September 14, 2023 at 08:16 PM

ES

“ *I'm sorry I never got to taste her pies. The Lander's family were kind and friendly neighbors. Mrs. Lander you were a sweet and gentle woman. You will be missed by your family and community.* ”

Ellen (Rudolph) Snyder - September 12, 2023 at 05:52 PM

CM

Thank you for your kind words! Our Mother loved her community!

Cynthia M Messinger - September 14, 2023 at 08:07 PM



I love that you said she was sweet and gentle, because that is so true! We had a great and fun neighborhood growing up for sure!! Thanks for the remembrance ❤️

Barbara Frelin - September 14, 2023 at 08:19 PM

KP

“ *Kathy Peiffer lit a candle in memory of Helen A. Lander* ”



Kathy Peiffer - September 12, 2023 at 11:33 AM



Thank you Kathy 🙏

Barbara Frelin - September 14, 2023 at 08:19 PM

KP

“ I fondly remember Mrs. Lander's cheese pie...she even made it for me on my birthday!! What a beautiful person she was, my life is better for having known her. She has been a great blessing to her family and all who had the pleasure of spending time with her. Her children are a tribute to the great loving person she was. Sending love and prayers to all. Kathy (Hogle) Peiffer.

Kathy Peiffer - September 12, 2023 at 11:32 AM

CM

Thank you Kathy! We appreciate you sharing your memories and kind words! So glad you had her cheese pie!! hehehe

Cynthia M Messinger - September 14, 2023 at 08:12 PM



Thanks Kathy! Love you my friend!!❤️

Barbara Frelin - September 14, 2023 at 08:20 PM