



Helen Kay Tollefson

July 7, 1935 - July 21, 2020

Helen Kay (Pakka) Tollefson, 85, of Crystal Falls, MI passed away peacefully Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at Iron County Medical Care Facility with her loving husband of 64 years by her side.

She was born on July 7, 1935 in Newberry, Michigan to Jacob Edward and Mary Pakka. She graduated in 1953 from Newberry High School and attended St. Luke's Hospital Nursing Program in Marquette where she met the love of her life, Marvin Tollefson.

Helen and Marvin were married on September 17, 1955 in Newberry and began their journey together at Fort Lee, Virginia. Soon after, they moved to California where they started their family. In 1957 they returned to the Upper Peninsula and Marvin started his teaching career in Crystal Falls where they made their permanent home.

Helen was an active member of United Lutheran Church where she taught Sunday School, was in LCW, played piano for meetings, served as president, led funeral circles and served on the altar guild.

Helen enjoyed camping, shopping, going to the casino, watching and listening to all sports and especially attending her kids and grandkids sporting events.

Helen loved her family with her whole heart and never missed an opportunity to spoil her grandchildren.

Helen is survived by her husband Marv; her children, Mary Kay Tollefson of Covington; Mark (Debra) Tollefson of Littleton, CO; Hans (Shari) Tollefson of Crystal Falls, and Heidi (Jay) Gareau of Florence, WI; grandchildren, Lewis and Leif (Katie) Tollefson, Samantha (Nick) Lesuer; Alicia Tollefson; Hannah and Lukas Gareau; and 3 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be scheduled for later in November and the dates will be announced by the Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls.

Condolences to the family of Helen K. Tollefson may be expressed online at www.nashfuneralhome.net

The family has entrusted to Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Cemetery

311 Logan St.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ I didn't know Helen passed away! Just saw obituary, here. My sympathies! I did not know Helen very well. She and Marvin would walk together past my house often. Mary Kay and Helen walked every day by my house. Hans was a childhood friend of my Son Michael and Heidi was a childhood friend of my Daughter, Carrie. Sympathies to them all. I worked with Sherri as Nurse Aides.
From, Mary Jane (Olson) Soderberg

Mary Jane Soderberg - October 05, 2020 at 08:55 PM

SM

“ Helen was such a great lady, I so enjoyed working with her at church when we lived in Crystal Falls. I remember her smile, hard work ethic and sense of humor. I know she loved her family and was a wonderful lady! Sandy Miller

SANDRA J MILLER - July 29, 2020 at 03:42 PM

 Jeffrey Chernach

“ Helen was a joy to be around, my thoughts are with you all.

Jeff Chernach and family

Jeffrey Chernach - July 28, 2020 at 11:45 AM

MF

“ Dearest Hans, Shari , Alicia and entire family:
Please accept our deepest sympathies at this sad time . Reading her tribute she sounds like a pretty special person and I wish I had the opportunity to meet her.

God's blessings to you. Duane Hongisto and Mary Oman

Mary Friend - July 27, 2020 at 09:58 AM

JS

“ I grew up down the road from Helen and was closer to her the last 5 years. She was a second mother to my husband, she claimed him as one of her own. What a wonderful lady she was. We had many laughs when she'd reminisce about the past when the kids were growing up and the good old neighborhood days. I had the pleasure of being her nurse and being able to comfort her in days of distress. I will miss our visits. May she rest in comfort. Hugs and prayers sent to all the family❤️

Jody Sliva-Gaasbeck - July 26, 2020 at 09:47 AM