



Helena Miskill

September 1, 1923 - February 23, 2022

Hampton - Helena Duff Miskill, 98, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, with her son Tom by her side and with her daughter Janice on facetime. She was born on September 1, 1923 in Portland, ME to Peter and Mary Duff and was raised with her sisters Mary and Betty and her brothers Jack and Joe. Helena graduated from Deering High School and later went to college in Portland for a time.

She became a secretary at Bath Iron Works where she met a young Naval Officer, Thomas Miskill, and soon after were married. Because the war was raging, Tom and Helena were stationed in many different states with Tom serving at several duty stations designing destroyers and Helena, a navy wife, at home raising new twins and a son. Tom served on destroyers throughout World War II, Korean War and the Suez crisis. Helena had two more girls during the next years until Tom got a final duty station as Commander of the Naval Facility in Antigua, BWI.

After retiring from the Navy, the family settled in Huntington, NY where Tom worked at EDO Corporation and mom kept the home beautiful and raised their family. While in Huntington, Helena was always involved with her church and she and Tom made many friends. After retiring from EDO, Tom and Helena moved to Downers Grove, Ill where Tom would work for Everpure Inc. as Vice President and Helena kept up their home and cared for her mother.

In 1980, Helena purchased their retirement home in Rye, NH where she had spent a lot of time when she was young with her family and her closest friend Cay Driscoll. Helena and Tom enjoyed their retirement in Rye and were members of the Portsmouth Country Club and faithful communicants of St. Theresa's Parish. During the winters, Tom and Helena would spend their time in Kauai with their younger daughter's family. In time it would become like their second home with many friends on the island and many cherished moments.

Tom passing in June, 2003 from mesothelioma was a huge shock to the Miskill family. Helena stayed in her home with her son Tom who cared for her and their home since that time. She did some traveling with her family and friends over the remaining years until her health declined. Tom continued as her caregiver until dementia overcame Helena and she was placed in a total care facility.

Cemetery Details

Central Cemetery

20 Central Road
Rye, NH

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

MAR 2. 10:30 AM (ET)

St Theresa Church
815 Central Rd
(603) 964-6440
Rye Beach, NH 03871

Tribute Wall



“ *Helena Miskill*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Dear Jan, Tommy, Linda & Leslie, and Maureen, and Miskill-Duff families, Our deepest condolences to you for the loss of your loving mother and Nana, Helena Duff- Miskill. Remembering your parents, Helena & Tom and our parents, Helen & Howard Long and their wonderful friendship as next door neighbors in Downers Grove, IL. The friendship began when your mom came over one morning, after moving to Downers Grove, bringing her empty coffee cup and knocked on our door. When our mom, Helen answered the door that morning and met your mom, she welcomed Helena inside and filled her cup with coffee that morning and for many more mornings to come! In that time a special friendship grew and stories shared of the Miskill-Duff families, and meeting all of you. Fun memories of when Jan and Tommy were singing and playing guitar in our kitchen with your dad, Tom playing his Clarinet, and mom Helena singing and dancing! The Howard and Helen Long family of Downers Grove, Illinois will always remember Helena and Tom Miskill and their wonderful family of Rye, New Hampshire with love! Your mom and dad always spoke so lovingly of their dear family. God bless, Love and prayers, Ginny (Long) and Glenn Zemel and Family*

Ginny Zemel - March 01, 2022 at 08:00 AM

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“ *Dr. & Mrs. Glenn & Ginny (Long) Zemel purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Helena Miskill.*



Dr. & Mrs. Glenn & Ginny (Long) Zemel - February 28, 2022 at 09:27 PM

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“ *Bill & Bonnie Miskill Children & Families purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Helena Miskill.*



Bill & Bonnie Miskill Children & Families - February 28, 2022 at 09:30 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Helena Miskill.*



February 27, 2022 at 04:22 AM

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“ *Alan & Wanda Miskill Children & Families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Helena Miskill.*



Alan & Wanda Miskill Children & Families - February 26, 2022 at 05:30 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Judith - February 26, 2022 at 06:59 AM

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Judith - February 26, 2022 at 06:56 AM