



Helen Mary Deans

July 15, 1949 - July 30, 2019

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of a beloved mother, Nana, sister, sister in-law and friend on July 30th, 2019, with her loving daughters Karen and Natasha by her side.

Helen was born in her family home on July 15, 1949 to Timothy and Catherine Crimmins in Dun Laoghaire, Dublin, Ireland. She was one of eight children. Helen had four sisters, Marjorie and Eileen (twins), Eithne and Joan. Her three brothers were Tommy, Timmy and Denis.

She married Tony Deans on July 20, 1968. They had three children, Wayne, Karen and Natasha. They emigrated to the Vancouver, Washington area in December 1977. Her husband and son tragically died in January 1979 in a boating accident on the Sandy River in Oregon.

Helen went on to work numerous jobs throughout the years to look after her two daughters and provide for them. She instilled many wonderful values of a good work ethic, close family ties and love for others.

Helen's joy in recent years were her five grandchildren, Skylar, Carson, Róisín, Kierra and Siobhán. She had a very special yet unique bond with each of them. She took pride in her role as 'Nana' and was touched when her grandchildren made her handmade crafts and cards.

Helen will be remembered as a person who brought joy into a room when she entered, her wicked sense of Irish humor, her ability to laugh at herself , and always had an endearing twinkle in her eye.

Throughout recent times she faced her illness with strength, courage, dignity and grace.

She was predeceased by sisters Eileen and Joan. Helen will be sorely missed by her loving daughters, their families and her in-laws. She was fun loving, kind hearted, warm and gracious person whose void will be felt by many.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Helen's memory through her daughters or Evergreen Memorial Gardens.

MASS AND CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Evergreen Memorial Gardens

Saturday, August 10th, 2019 10AM

Burial Service

Mother Joseph Cemetery

Thursday, August 15th, 2019 1:00 PM

Tribute Wall

MR

“ I don't know where to start cause I have so many fond memories of Helen, but over the last few years we got to spend some quality time together when she would be in Ireland , we shared lots of laughter and believe me there was never a dull moment as she had a great sense of humour . I going to miss her terribly . xoxo

Michelle Ronan - August 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ I met Helen in 1980, not long after she experienced an unimaginable tragedy. Helen's brilliant unforgettable 'Irish-ness' came through when I met her loving family, including her mother, Connie, her brother Tommy, and two amazing daughters. Over time, Helen and I lost touch with one another, but to me, she was always a beloved, memorable friend despite the years and miles that separated us. Her perseverance, bountiful joy and fierce love of life inspired all who knew her. Now, Helen flies with her own wings, and is, no doubt, making the angels laugh. My sincere condolences, Karen and Natasha. We are all blessed to have shared this tiny bit of earth with your lovely mother.

Cathy Fields - August 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PB

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Phyl Butler - August 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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The Shafiuzzaman Family - August 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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Clay Petersen and Kike Bradshaw - August 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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Tribute Store - August 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *We met Helen through Skylar and Natasha a few years ago...She captured our hearts from the moment we met her! A beautiful soul, and such a great sense of humor. What an incredible Mother and Grandmother she was to her family. She will be missed, but always remembered. Sending all our love...*

Kylee Shafiuzzaman - August 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ My earliest memories of Helen were when growing up in monkstown farm a wonderful fun loving girl who grew into a fantastic lady we both met guys to geather and she went on to marry the love of her life and left to fellow there dream having Helen as a friend your life was enriched will always be in my thoughts .

Audrey Murphy - August 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ I remember Helen's visits to Ireland and always having a laugh. The best visit was for Karen's 40th and the surprise of Helen showing up and Karen not having any idea..... Another favourite memory is from 5 yrs agowhen I came he from my mom's funeral. Karen and Helen were on my doorstep and Helen gave me the best "mom" hug, and she cried with me and told me that I would be OK. Helen you will be missed and never forgotten.

Theresa Collins - August 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I have many memories of your man. Mostly from childhood and all fond. Most recently, as mentioned, we ended up in pedicure chairs next to one another. Maybe 6 months ago. I re-introduced myself to her, shared memories and photos. It was lovely. She was lovely and so committed to her family. I'm thrilled that day happened. Xo

Molly Maloney - August 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

VM

“Helen stayed at my home a couple of times with her daughter Natasha and grandson Skylar. She was a joy to be around. Always laughing and storytelling. Her Irish views and sayings were illuminating and humorous at the same time. I enjoyed her sense of humor and views on life tremendously. She shared many Irish sayings with me that bring tears of laughter to this day ... "More often than a brides skirt" comes to mind. She will be missed.

Vivian Meyer - August 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM