



Helen J. (Rzeszutek) Yagodzinski

May 5, 1927 - August 28, 2024

Helen J. (Rzeszutek) Yagodzinski, 97, of Hatfield, passed away on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, at Linda Manor Extended Care Facility. She was born in Easthampton on May 5, 1927 to the late Frank and Angela (Kayden) Rzeszutek, she was the youngest of nine children.

Helen was a graduate of the former Sacred Heart of Jesus Parochial School of Easthampton and was a 1944 graduate of Easthampton High School.

She met and fell in love with Edward, they soon married in 1948. They resided in Whately till 1955, then moved to Main St. in Hatfield.

As a young woman, Helen worked for the former ProBrush division of Western Corp in Florence and Stanley Home Products in Easthampton. She then worked at UMass in food service for 26 years before retiring in 1996.

As a survivor of the great depression, she learned how to save for a rainy day and never be wasteful. She was wisely resourceful yet very generous with her time, talent and loving care. She made many Afghans, bedspreads, hand knitted hats, mittens, braided rugs which she gave to family and friends and donated to many charity groups.

Helen is survived by her sons, Thomas and his wife Maureen of Hatfield, Richard and his wife Sheila of Hadley, her grandchildren, Christopher and his significant other, Beth Nowak of Hatfield, Ryan and his wife Brianna of Hatfield, great-granddaughters, Brynlee and Paislee of Hatfield, step grandchildren Michael Brozo of Hatfield and Analise Couchon of Deerfield, and several nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by husband Edward who sadly passed away in 2000, her sisters, Mary Yamen, Ann Wozniak, Sophie Dufresne, Josephine Rzeszutek. her brothers, Joseph, Stanley, Walter and Fr. Martin Rzeszutek MIC.

All services and her burial will be private. DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME OF NORTHAMPTON HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH HER SERVICES.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made in Helen's memory to the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M, Eden Hill, Stockbridge, MA 01262 or to a charity of one's choice.

For more information, or to leave the family a personal condolence, please visit DrozdaFuneralHome.com.

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“ *I send condolences to Helen’s sons and all her family. Helen was the best possible neighbor, inspiration, and home arts mentor. I loved living across the street from her and will miss knowing she is in the world.* ”

Barbara Lucey - September 02, 2024 at 09:14 AM