



Helen Creahan Hein

January 11, 1924 - August 24, 2024

With words of prayer and gratitude on her lips, Helen Creahan Hein transitioned from time into eternity on August 24, 2024. Helen, affectionately known as Tutu by her loved ones, was born to Jack and Mabel Creahan on January 11, 1924 in Cleveland, Ohio. At the age of two she moved with her family to Southern California and resided there throughout her youth. After marrying Charles Hein in 1946 she moved to Merced. It was there that she welcomed her seven beloved children - Mary Margaret, Maureen Marie, Mary Katherine, Charles, Marian Jennifer, John, and Stephen - into the world. With them, she moved to Fresno in 1965. While raising her family she worked as a teacher at Marshall School in Fowler for more than 20 years, touching the lives of hundreds of students along the way.

Helen's life was marked by a deep and abiding faith in Christ Jesus and she remained a faithful member of His body the Church her entire life. She had a deep devotion to the Blessed Mother, and prayed the rosary frequently and fervently. She could often be found with a rosary in her hands. Whenever possible she attended daily Mass and served in her parish by visiting the homebound and participating in retreats and prayer groups. Her goal in life was to love the Lord with her whole heart and she strove ardently to pass the faith to all she met, most especially her children and grandchildren. She was grateful to receive the last Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, shortly before she passed. With her last breaths she spoke of her love and gratitude

to God for the countless blessings of her long life.

Next to the Lord, Helen's great love was for her family. As the matriarch of a large family, she remained a constant guiding and supportive presence in their lives - offering words of advice, consolation, and love. With humility, gentleness, and humor she taught her family the importance of faith, trust in divine providence, the power of forgiveness, and patient endurance in suffering. Those lessons will surely remain present in their hearts, even as they mourn her passing. Though confident that the Divine Mercy of the Lord guided her peacefully to the love of the Father, they will undoubtedly miss the warmth of her presence on earth.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Mabel, her brothers Jim and John, her husband Charlie, and her beloved daughter Jennifer Kilgore. She leaves behind her children and their spouses, Maggie and Loren Ransier, Mimi Kent, Katie and Anthony Andrade, Charlie and Greta Hein, John and Janet Hein, Stephen and Mary Ann Hein, along with 15 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers please have Masses offered for the repose of her soul or send donations to Obria Medical Clinics of Central California

Cemetery Details

St. Peter's Cemetery

264 N. Blythe Avenue
Fresno, CA 93706

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 4. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Chapel of the Light
1620 W. Belmont Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728
michael@chapelofthelight.com
<http://www.chapelofthelight.com>

Recitation of the Holy Rosary

SEP 4. 6:00 PM (PT)

Chapel of the Light
1620 W. Belmont Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728
michael@chapelofthelight.com
<http://www.chapelofthelight.com>

Funeral Mass

SEP 5. 10:00 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
929 Harvard Ave.
Clovis, CA 93612
<http://ourladyofperpetualhelpchurch.com>

Tribute Wall

PH

“ Peter H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen Creahan Hein.

Peter H. - September 03, 2024 at 12:52 PM

DL

“ Don, John, Lisa & Tommy Leethem purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Helen Creahan Hein.



Don, John, Lisa & Tommy Leethem - September 03, 2024 at 10:43 AM

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Don, John, Lisa & Tommy Leethem - September 03, 2024 at 10:43 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Helen Creahan Hein.



August 29, 2024 at 03:13 PM

BA

“ Dearest Tutu always took an interest in my life asking to hear what was happening. She was so selfless in her relationships. I admired her great faith in God and know that He has welcomed her into His Kingdom! Blessings to all her loved ones who suffer the pain of her passing . With much love and great hope! Barbara Alaimo

Barbara Alaimo - August 28, 2024 at 05:15 PM

AF

“ Art & Jeannie Fernandez purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Helen Creahan Hein.



Art & Jeannie Fernandez - August 28, 2024 at 03:49 PM

LB

“ Our dear, Tutu, will always be remembered by us. We will never forget her beautiful smile upon greeting us. Whenever we shared our food at gatherings, she always made sure that she thanked us and expressed how much she enjoyed her meal. We loved that she always called us by our names, even after not seeing us for a long while. As you read in her obituary she made a great impact in a lot of people’s lives. Her peaceful, holy, presence was always comforting to us. We are going to miss you, our sweet Tutu, Rest in peace. Your friends,
Monico and Leticia Vargas ❤️🙏

Leticia Vargas - August 28, 2024 at 02:45 PM

BN

“ *Betty Shelton Nicholls and Bill Nicholls purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Helen Creahan Hein.*



Betty Shelton Nicholls and Bill Nicholls - August 28, 2024 at
02:35 PM