



Helen K Sarff

January 1, 2025

Helen K. Sarff, 90, of Havana, passed away at 2:29 p.m. on Wednesday, January 1, 2025 at her home. She was born on August 3, 1934 in Salt Creek Twp. in Mason County to Fred and Octavia (Lowers) Keith. She married Robert J. Sarff on June 18, 1955 at the 1st United Methodist Church in Havana. He preceded her in death on November 28, 2017.

Helen is survived by her children, Brad (Karen) Sarff of Loveland, Colorado, Jeff (Pam) Sarff of Peoria, and Melanie (James) Daniels of Havana; six grandchildren; one step-granddaughter; sixteen great-grandchildren; four step-great grandchildren; one great-great grandson; and three step-great-great grandchildren. Also surviving are her brother, Jerry (Laura) Keith of Fort Worth, Texas; sisters-in-law, Joann (John) Lynn of Havana and Francie Bonnett of Tennessee; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and brother, Leland Keith.

Helen was a member of the 1st United Methodist Church in Havana, where she was active in the Methodist Women and other groups. She worked for many years as a book keeper for several local businesses and retired from Wolters Drug Store in 2009. She loved reading and spending time with her family. She took great care of her husband during his last years.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, January 10, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at the 1st United Methodist Church in Havana, with a visitation one hour prior to the service from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Rev. Carol Stufflebeam will officiate. Burial will be held at a later date at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Havana.

Memorial donations may be made in Helen's name to 1st United Methodist Church in Havana or A.R.K. in Lacon, Illinois. Online condolences can be left for her family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Laurel Hill Cemetery

1105 E Laurel Ave
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-2986

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church - Havana
101 S. Broadway
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-4725

Memorial Service

JAN 10. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Helen "Aunt Helen" was a wonderful lady. I spent many Christmas times with her and loved talking with her. She will be missed.* ”

Hilary - January 10, 2025 at 08:02 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Helen K Sarff.* ”



January 08, 2025 at 10:28 AM



“ *Monte and Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Helen K Sarff.* ”



Monte and Team - January 08, 2025 at 08:21 AM



“ *Helen will be missed. She always had a smile. Enjoyed visiting with her. Prayers to the family.* ”

Carol Fisk Kolves - January 08, 2025 at 08:05 AM

JM

“ Jason McGregor purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Helen K Sarff.



Jason McGregor - January 06, 2025 at 12:51 PM

MP

“ mary potts lit a candle in memory of Helen Sarff



mary potts - January 06, 2025 at 12:43 PM

ML

“ Melody Lynn lit a candle in memory of Helen Sarff



Melody Lynn - January 06, 2025 at 10:09 AM

DW

“ Dan and Chris Wilson lit a candle in memory of Helen Sarff



Dan and Chris Wilson - January 05, 2025 at 01:41 PM

SB

“ You would have to search far and wide to find a more kind and gentle woman as Helen Sarff. Having known her for the past 50 years I am confident that there was a place in heaven for her next to Bob, my mother father and brother, and countless others before her. I have decades of memories of her working side by side with my parents, Bob Payne, Shirley, Janet, and Rosemary. A better friend you could not find. Cheers to you Helen and family, and always remember the good times you shared with them both.

Steve Blessman - January 05, 2025 at 11:28 AM

MH

“ Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Helen Sarff



Mary Hundt - January 05, 2025 at 09:31 AM

MC

“ I knew this family and they were a credit to the world and Havana.

mike coker - January 05, 2025 at 08:18 AM

CM

“ Cheri wilcoxen muller lit a candle in memory of Helen Sarff



Cheri wilcoxen muller - January 04, 2025 at 05:42 PM

CH

“ Prayers and condolences to the families of Helen K Sarff. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Cheryl Hahn - January 04, 2025 at 04:07 PM

RC

“ Helen was a beautiful, kind person! She and her family have been family friends with us for a long time! She loved her family! She will be missed!



Richard and Lanette Crum - January 04, 2025 at 01:56 PM

LT

“ So sorry for your family's loss! Sincere condolences, Lisa Thompson



Lisa Jill Thompson - January 04, 2025 at 11:43 AM

BS

“ During this difficult time, may you find comfort in your loving memories, support from those who care for you and peace from the faith that lives within your heart. Aunt Helen will be missed by so many of us! Love, Bob & Brenda

Brenda Seaman - January 04, 2025 at 11:06 AM

SY

“ Steven & Carol Yaeger planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen K Sarff.

Steven & Carol Yaeger - January 04, 2025 at 11:00 AM

SY

“ Steven & Carol Yaeger purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Helen K Sarff.



Steven & Carol Yaeger - January 04, 2025 at 11:00 AM

RQ

“ RON AND BARB QUINONES lit a candle in memory of Helen Sarff



RON AND BARB QUINONES - January 04, 2025 at 10:45 AM

CA

“ I am sorry for your loss. Helen was a great person. I had so much fun when we was doing church activities, which I miss, and she always had a kind word for anyone. She will truly be missed.



Connie Atchison - January 04, 2025 at 10:16 AM

SB

“ Many years knowing Helen & Bob. The Sarff family was part of my childhood memories & I also had the pleasure working with Helen at Wolter's Drug Store when I was younger. Helen always greeted everyone with her beautiful smile & a friendly hello. Helen was a special friend to our Mom and always so kind. RIP my Dear friend.



Susie Begbie - January 04, 2025 at 10:03 AM

JT

“ Prayers, warmest thoughts and condolences to all of the family.



jennifer trimpe - January 04, 2025 at 09:57 AM

JB

“ I didn't know her well but she always gave you a smile that made you feel like you were old friends 🙏



Jack and Donzia Boggs - January 04, 2025 at 09:52 AM

NE

“ Sending prayers and hugs to Brad, Jeff, Melanie and families. Helen was a wonderfully sweet lady and I will miss her ❤️



Nancy Elliott - January 04, 2025 at 09:25 AM