



Helen Carolyn Francis

May 6, 1929 - April 29, 2021

In loving memory of Helen C. Francis who passed away April 29, 2021 in St Augustine, Florida surrounded by her family. She was the wife of John L. Francis (deceased 2004) whom she shared 48 wonderful years of marriage. She was one week short of her 92nd birthday. Born in Plainfield, NJ, she was the daughter of Anne M and Harry F. Cramer. She is survived by 4 daughters: Ann Oswald (Ray) of Kutztown, PA, Lee Griffin (Gene) of St Augustine, FL, Meg Francis (Greg Maclsaac) of St Augustine and Amy Francis of St Augustine, FL as well as 10 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. She attended Milwaukee Downer College in Wisconsin for Occupational Therapy and worked at Liberty Mutual until she started her family. She was a wonderful wife, mother and friend. Her door was always open. She was very active in many organizations including Emma Concerts, the Garden Club, Mah Jongg Club, Bereavement and Beyond, Socrates Club and Seekers Club. She was a versatile, multitalented artist and musician. Helen had a great quest for knowledge throughout her life. She loved laughing, entertaining, debating and sharing good times. She will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved her. A private memorial service will be held with the family at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Emma Concerts of St Augustine.

Tribute Wall

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“Helen and I were best friends growing up. She was the only other girl my age in our neighborhood. The Cramer’s lived on the street behind ours in Plainfield NJ. To get to school, from kindergarten to high school, Helen and I walked, rode our bikes, or, on a rare occasion, were driven in my Auntie Grace’s car, where we would get to sit in the rumble seat! After school, Helen and I would head to the woods to collect animal tracks with Plaster of Paris, jump the brook and just look for interesting things. We found a rope in a tree by the brook and we enjoyed swinging over the water. About 10 years ago Helen started calling me during Christmas so we could catch up. I will miss her call this year.

—Dorothy Beal Davis

Dorothy Beal Davis - December 11, 2021 at 12:14 AM

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“Wonderful memories of Moserville. Although considered by most to be a sleepy little neighborhood, Mrs Francis/Helen led the charge by getting the neighborhood kids involved in picking apples and making cider, caring for and riding horses, playing and working around the farm, suggesting we head up to Sandy Mount to swim, skating on the pond till late at night and stories in her restored kitchen around the open stone fireplace. Although the neighborhood only consisted of three houses, she was good about getting everyone involved and active. It may have been a sleepy little town but I would not have changed a thing!

All the best to family and know she is looking down at all of you with a big smile!

Jeff Southworth - May 03, 2021 at 03:39 PM

JK

“ We had the honor of being Helen’s neighbor at Ocean Gallery. She was a wonderful story teller and a delightful friend. Her gardening skills were something to behold. We will miss her dearly and cherish the wonderful times we were able to spend with her. Especially the cookouts we enjoyed together, on the patio, where we shared food and laughter. . Our condolences to the family. Matt and Jane Kitson.

Jane Kitson - May 02, 2021 at 06:23 PM

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Thankyou. She loved her ocean gallery friends

Ann Oswald - May 03, 2021 at 10:28 PM

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“ Sorry to hear of your loss. She was a fine lady and a good friend. I will miss her and our lengthy conversations.

Tony Major - May 02, 2021 at 03:21 PM

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“ Steve and I were sorry to hear of Helen’s passing. We always enjoyed spending holiday dinners at Ray and Ann’s when Helen was there. Her mind was like a book of knowledge and loved engaging in discussions whether it was about travel, politics or culture. She and her husband raised 4 wonderful and caring daughters who are always do much fun to be around. Helen will be missed by so many
Brenda snd Steve Oswald

brenda oswald - May 01, 2021 at 12:50 PM

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Thankyou for your wonderful thoughts. ❤️

Ray/Ann - May 01, 2021 at 11:15 PM