



Helen (Zaleski) Torres

December 25, 1945 - November 30, 2021

Helen (Zaleski) Torres, age 75 Of Lansdale and formerly of Conshohocken, passed away on Tuesday, November 30, 2021. She was born in Conshohocken on Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25, 1945, the daughter of the late Raymond and Helen (Pulkowski) Zaleski. She was the beloved wife of the late John (Jack) Torres.

Helen and her brother were raised on Oak St., in Conshohocken, where she attended St. Mary's RC Church and grade school. She was a 1963 graduate of St. Matthew High School. She married her high school sweetheart, Jack Torres, on March 9, 1963. She was employed by State Farm Insurance Co. for many years. She was an avid crocheter, teaching the art at the local high school, and loved creating things for her family and friends. She was also the founder of New Beginnings, a support group for widows and widowers. She was very active with this group, serving as the President for many years. She always wanted to help bring comfort to others. Ultimately, Helen lived for her family, and treasured every moment that she was able to spend with them.

She is survived by: 2 sons, John A. "Jack" of Erwinna, PA and Michael R. of Lansdale; 8 grandchildren, Amy Garrett (Raymond), Zachary Torres, Nicole Torres, Michael Torres, Matthew Torres, Patrick Donaghy (Nicole), Kellyann Slegelmilch (Paul), Connor Donaghy; 2 great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn Garrett and Brooks Slegelmilch; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She

was predeceased by her daughter, Anita Donaghy (Robert) and her brother, Raymond Zaleski.

Relatives and friends are invited to pay respects on Wednesday evening, December 8th from 5:30-7:30PM at the William A. Moore Funeral Home, 708 Fayette St., Conshohocken. Relatives and friends are also invited to attend Mass of Christian Burial on Thursday, December 9th at 10:30AM in Corpus Christi RC Church, 900 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale, PA 19446. Internment, St. John Neumann Cemetery in Chalfont, PA.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations may be mad to the American Cancer Society

1-800-227-2345 or <https://www.cancer.org/involved/donate/memorial-giving.html>

Cemetery Details

St. John Neumann Cemetery

3797 County Line Rd.
Chalfont, PA 18914

Previous Events

Evening Visitation

DEC 8. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

William A. Moore Funeral Home
708 Fayette Street
Conshohocken, PA 19428
(610) 828-4006
<https://www.williamamoore.com/>

Funeral Mass

DEC 9. 10:30 AM (ET)

Corpus Christi RC Church
900 Sumneytown Pike
Landsdale, PA 19446

Tribute Wall

“ Everyone who comes into this world has a Mother. Not everyone, however, is fortunate enough to say that their Mother was also their friend. Someone they turned to for comfort, advice, and just to chat about life’s happenings. Fortunately, I am able to say that.

It’s difficult to put into words everything that I want to say about you, Mom. You were so much to so many. But first and foremost, you were Mom. You were Mom Mom. We, as your family always knew that we were loved, and ultimately, the only thing you wanted was for your family to be close.

Growing up, our house was the one everyone wanted to hang at, and all of our friends called you Mom. You always made everyone feel at home, and we didn’t even mind if you were around, because you made things fun.

The Torres house was always a party house. For family dinners, pool parties, Holiday gatherings, dance parties - Everyone knew they had an open invitation.

When Dad passed, you were the glue that held the family together. Even in your grief, your first priority was to make sure that we were all ok. Shortly after that Anita passed, and still you were the true Matriarch, comforting your family and giving us all strength. Our family has been through many trials, but you never gave up and you kept everyone going, even when you were not at your best. You always showed an incredible sense of pride – in yourself, in your family, in your work – everything that you did.

You were our biggest cheerleader – the first one to brag about any of our accomplishments and encourage us to follow our dreams. You never told us “You can’t do that”, no matter how hairbrained our ideas were. The only thing that you always told us was “find a way or make one”

I take comfort now in knowing that you are truly “Home”. Back with Dad and Anita. I told you that you were going to have a dinner date and go out dancing when you got there – and I’m sure it was quite the reunion.

The material things that we’re all left with – the photo albums, the blankets, scarves and hats that you made, the voicemails and text messages that will never be deleted, the transcript for the book that

you were writing about your love story with Dad – we'll cherish always. But the most important thing that you have left us with are fond memories and a sense of knowing that we were all loved unconditionally and with such intensity. You taught us all that family and love truly does conquer all.

Over the past week, many have reached out to Michael and I to extend their condolences, and all have said the same thing: "Your Mom was a beautiful person". We know that, and we're proud to have had you as our Mother.

Today, we have come together to celebrate your life and lay your body to rest., but Your spirit will always live on. We celebrate the woman you were.... wise, giving, strong, fun-loving,always with a twinkle in your eyes. Your legacy lives on through your children and grandchildren, you great – grandchildren, as well as the many other lives you have touched.

As for me, the one thing that I would like to say is "Thank you" Thank you for being my Mom. I know that I won't get any more calls saying "hi – it's your favorite Mommy", or any more random text messages at 2am just because you had a thought and wanted to share - but I know you'll always be with me, and for that I am grateful. It's been said that a heart that is broken is a heart that's been loved. I know that I was loved "beyond". So again, thank for being my Mom, my confidante, and my friend.

Until we meet again, Mom – "love you more"

Jack Torres - December 15, 2021 at 10:11 PM

AH

“ My heartfelt sympathy to all the family, you’ve been through many losses through the years and now Mom is home with your Dad, sister and many other loved ones. You know she is happy and at peace, more likely partying!
How lucky were we that our mothers were sisters! It was wonderful being able to share part of life’s journey with Helen. We enjoyed our families and our shared time of travel, laughter and many wonderful memories. We loved to reminisce of those that went before us, especially our “beloved aunts” and other family members, sharing many good times of laughter, joy and love, the good times of family gatherings, our long talks full of memories from our youth to the recent past. I miss you Helen, forever in my heart,
Luv u Cuz, Andrea Swift Hellings

Andrea Swift Hellings - December 13, 2021 at 03:07 AM



“ Helen and I met at our sons little league baseball games where our husband's were the boys coaches. That was about 40 years ago. We were their loudest cheerleaders and remained friends and confidants ever since.
Through the years we met at least monthly for lunch and helped each other with life's issues. You are gone from this life, dear friend but remain in my heart. I'll be keeping in touch always, my dear angel !

Mary Ann Pulaski - December 08, 2021 at 09:42 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Helen (Zaleski) Torres.



December 08, 2021 at 09:25 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen (Zaleski) Torres.*



December 07, 2021 at 07:03 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Helen (Zaleski) Torres.*



December 07, 2021 at 09:45 AM



“ *Sending our Condolences for family. Sending prayers for all you.*

Janet & Ron Sampson & Angelina

Janet Sampson - December 06, 2021 at 11:35 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Helen (Zaleski) Torres.*



December 05, 2021 at 06:53 PM

MS

“ We met over 30 years ago when we had become new Widows who were experiencing at that time the most devastating loss of our lives.

We became instant friends and have remained this way through the years. We shared stories about our jobs, our families and our life in general. Our network of friends became our life support and family. We laughed and cried together and always knew we had someone who would be there to listen when we needed a friend. I can't believe that you are gone and I miss you . I miss our lunch get togethers and our long talks. You are with all of your loved ones and I know you are happy. My love and prayers are with your family. As you always finished our conversations: LOVE YA

From: Madeline



Madeline Slifer - December 04, 2021 at 09:37 PM

LO

“ Helen was a wonderful person and years ago we shared lot of fun times together. My thoughts, Prayers and Sincere Sympathy are with you Jack, Michael

And family.

Lorraine

lorraine - December 04, 2021 at 01:35 PM

KB

“ Karen, Steve & Sons & Aunt Babe purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Helen (Zaleski) Torres.



Karen, Steve & Sons & Aunt Babe - December 04, 2021 at 12:25 PM

KN

“ Ah, Aunt Helen so many memories to share, where do I start? You always told me this story. "I would stand at the bottom of the steps and yell to the third floor, "Aunt Helwin, come get me". I will miss hearing that story with all other memories that come along. Not enough words can express the loss.

Not that long ago, we were swapping for Golumpki for tomato sauce. creating a scrapbook for your pictures. My most recent memory is the Ladies Lunches and glad you were able to spend time with us. We shared so many old and made new memories. You will be terribly missed but we know that you are finally with the love of your life and can only image the joy of seeing Uncle Jack & Anita once again.

Miss you, love you and thank you for shaping parts of my life! Hugs & Kisses
Karen

Karen (Zaleski) Northup - December 04, 2021 at 12:01 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Helen (Zaleski) Torres.



December 04, 2021 at 11:41 AM

LB

“ *Love Mary Beth Maloney & David Budzynski purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Helen (Zaleski) Torres.*



Love Mary Beth Maloney & David Budzynski - December 04, 2021 at 11:09 AM

DO

“ *I have so many great memories of Helen (aka Shirley). We would laugh so much that our stomachs hurt!! We shared so many fun times. Our trips to Cape May for the Jazz Festival, our trip to Hawaii, trip to Virginia and dancing at the jukebox in Kulpville. Helen was always there for me when I needed her and always gave me good advice.. I will never forget you my dear friend. You will always remain in my heart. I love you...Donna (aka LaVern).*



Donna - December 04, 2021 at 12:02 AM