



## Helen Catherine Houtekier

June 23, 1927 - March 3, 2021

Helen Catherine Redding Houtekier passed away at her home in Troy on Wednesday, March 3, 2021; she was 93 years young. She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis A., her parents Margaret and James Redding, and her siblings Betsy Hueston and James Redding. She is survived by her children Millie, Dottie (Ed) Carpus, Conrad (Karen), Jerome (Veronica), Kate (Jim) Weertz, Cindy (Tom) Courneya, Jen, and Sean (Trish). She is also survived by 25 grandchildren, 47 great grandchildren, 4 great-great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Helen was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, and grew up in Beech Grove, Indiana. She met Louis at Fort Benjamin-Harrison Hospital where he was recovering from injuries sustained in WWII. They were married on September 2, 1946 at Holy Name Church in Beech Grove. She and Louis raised their children in Harper Woods, Michigan where they belonged to Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish. In 1983 they moved to Big Rapids, Michigan where they were active in many charitable and service organizations, including the VFW, DAV, and FCE. They were also active members of St. Paul's Campus Parish at Ferris State University. In 2013 they moved to Oakmont Senior Housing in Sterling Heights where they enjoyed making many new friends.

Helen enjoyed travel, crafts, baking, and sewing for Veterans Hospital and St. Paul's. She also created beautiful memory books for all of her children, which

included pictures and histories of their ancestors. She was famous among her family for her raisin bread, peanut butter fudge and raspberry ice-cream syrup.

Her family and friends will miss her and her giving and caring nature, but we know we were fortunate to have had her with us for so many years. In lieu of flowers, donations to your favorite charity in her memory are welcome.

# Previous Events

## Instate

MAR 9. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Jane Frances deChantal Catholic Church  
38750 Ryan Rd  
Sterling Heights, MI

## Mass of the Christian Burial

MAR 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Catherine Houtekier*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Helen Catherine Houtekier*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Helen Catherine Houtekier.*



March 07, 2021 at 11:53 AM



“ *Already missing you, Mom. And a memory just popped into my head. You taught me how to sew -- which greatly improved my wardrobe. One skill, among very many others, for which I owe you thanks. My love always.*

**Millie Houtekier** - March 05, 2021 at 07:01 PM



“ *I will always remember Aunt Helen's great sense of humor, her jellies and jams, her graciousness when we visited her and Uncle Louie in Big Rapids, and our lively conversations. May she rest in peace now with Uncle Louie.*

**Jan Boatman** - March 05, 2021 at 02:22 PM



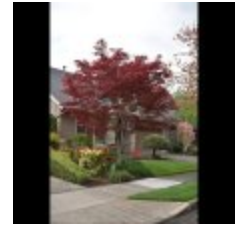
“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Helen Catherine Houtekier.*



March 05, 2021 at 02:16 PM



“ *Red Leaf Japanese Maple was purchased for the family of Helen Catherine Houtekier.*



March 05, 2021 at 07:52 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Catherine Houtekier.*



March 04, 2021 at 08:49 PM



“ *Well momma you got your wish and we were grateful you went very quietly and painlessly. Pray Daddy met you at the gate. We love you and will see you again. Love Cindy*❤️❤�

**cindy** - March 04, 2021 at 07:54 PM