



Helen Milewski

January 4, 1922 - March 19, 2018

Beloved wife of the late Eugene J.
Loving mother of Marcia (Jim) Fournier

Born to Frances & Alexander Leksutin on January 4, 1922 in Detroit.

Helen was the second youngest of five children – all her siblings were boys.

As a young girl Helen loved to go fishing with her Dad and proudly walked her pet chicken, Booboo Choo Choo, on her leash throughout the neighborhood. Helen learned to shoot dice in the alley and play baseball with her brothers and friends.

As a young adult Helen worked at the Nortown Theater in Northern Detroit as an usherette where My Mother met the man of her dreams, my father Eugene J. Milewski.

The Early Married Years

Traveled with my father as a service man in WWII

My mother and father lived in North Detroit, Huntington Woods and finally settled in Warren.

My mother worked as an inspector at Dodge Main plant in Hamtramck on the B52 Rudder (aka Rosie the riveter).

I was born on December 20, 1955 after several miscarriages. My father wanted 12 children. He told my mom that after it took so long to have me that, "it won't hurt to keep trying".

My father left Chrysler to divert all his energy to E.J. Welding Company with my mom they started several years before.

My father died from a massive heart attack on his way home after visiting a customer on March 4, 1968. I was 12 years old.

After becoming a widow at age 46, my mom continued to run the welding business very successfully and had devoted workers and customers.

My mother raised me on her own. She never gave up: she put her entire being into raising me, providing for me, ensuring I received a college education and a wonderful life.

The Later Years

My mother opened her heart to Jim Fournier and welcomed his family into her life when we married on September 1, 1990. They always took care of her. From changing a faucet (David) to catching a bird (Tom) that got into the house, to being there during personal emergencies (Laurie). The Fournier family took care of Helen and thoughtfully included her in all holidays and events.

My mother became “Grandma Helen” to Matt, Kurtis, Janae, Kayla Aleshia and, more recently, “Great Grandma Helen” to their children.

My mother enjoyed “girl talk” with my sisters-in-law, Laurie, Jennifer, Susie and Nadine

The Final Years

My mother lived independently in Warren until she could no longer live on her own.

After her last surgery and fall, My mother stayed with us in Milford as My mother healed with the ultimate goal to returning home.

In August 2017 my mother fell at our home. While in the hospital the doctors determined she had had several minor heart attacks and mini strokes over recent years.

In October 2017 my mother became a resident at the American House senior living complex here in Milford.

In late February 2018 my mother required the first level of hospice care.

My mother passed peacefully listening to her favorite music that my father sang to her such as - Let Me Call You Sweetheart, Tennessee Waltz, Everybody Loves Somebody Sometime and I Will See You in Apple Blossom Time.

Throughout her Entire Life

Enjoyed time with family

My mother was a wonderful cook and when she opened her home her kitchen was the place it where it all happened.

Always very generous

Truthful...sometimes too truthful

Brutally honest... coupled with truthful could be very interesting

My mother loved to talk, and veraciously read current events

She had a passion for animals, particularly dogs - Coco and my Mom were exceptionally close

Although my mother enjoyed home life, she enjoyed travel too. Her most precious memories were us traveling to Hawaii and, almost annually to Miami, Florida.

Her last trip was to Las Vegas in 2000 after successfully beating colon cancer, and Jim upgraded her to first class while we sat in coach

A very devoted and loving mother. My mom was always focused on me ensuring a safe haven, someone to talk to, to trust.

My Mother - she was everything to me.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

17100 Van Dyke (at 6 Mile Road)
Detroit, MI 48234

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **23**. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights
3801 18 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48314
(586) 997-3838

Funeral Service

MAR **24**. 9:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Milewski*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Helen Milewski*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Great life story. You brought back many memories. You were always a great person to talk to. Many years ago.*

John D'Angelo - July 26, 2018 at 09:36 PM



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



March 23, 2018 at 11:46 AM



“ *NSK AQA purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Helen Milewski.*



NSK AQA - March 23, 2018 at 10:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Helen Milewski.



March 23, 2018 at 08:41 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Helen Milewski.



March 23, 2018 at 07:52 AM



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



March 23, 2018 at 06:46 AM



“ *Joyful Memory* was purchased for the family of Helen Milewski.



March 22, 2018 at 11:00 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Milewski.*



March 22, 2018 at 01:55 PM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Helen Milewski.*



March 22, 2018 at 11:08 AM



“ *Love you! Susan and Mike purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Helen Milewski.*



Love you! Susan and Mike - March 22, 2018 at 06:38 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Helen Milewski.*



March 21, 2018 at 08:30 PM



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



March 21, 2018 at 06:59 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Helen Milewski.*



March 21, 2018 at 03:46 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Milewski.*



March 21, 2018 at 03:33 PM



“ *Garden of Serenity Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Milewski.*



March 21, 2018 at 12:03 PM



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



March 21, 2018 at 10:54 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Milewski.*



March 21, 2018 at 08:27 AM



“ *Joe & Julie Prahler purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Helen Milewski.*



Joe & Julie Prahler - March 21, 2018 at 07:58 AM



“ *Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Not only now but in the days ahead.*



Michelle Sloney - March 20, 2018 at 10:03 PM

TP

“ Tina Ponke lit a candle in memory of Helen Milewski



Tina Ponke - March 20, 2018 at 09:34 PM

LJ

“ Love, Marty and Janet purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Helen Milewski.



Love, Marty and Janet - March 20, 2018 at 08:22 PM

JL

“ Loved talking with your Mom such a sweet lady. Love Janet and Marty Lutz



Janet lutz - March 20, 2018 at 08:15 PM

JJ

“ *Marcia and Jim, We were so saddened to hear the news of Helen's passing. Helen was the best next door neighbor that anyone could ever ask for. She was a very sweet lady. I will always remember going over to her house and standing on her porch talking. She loved to tell me stories about Marcia when she was growing up and her accomplishments. She was so proud of Marcia and loved to "brag" about her and I loved to listen. Helen will surely be missed. The fond memories of Helen will forever be in our hearts.*

Love, The James Family (Rich, Janine, Samantha, and Ryan).



Janine James - March 20, 2018 at 03:04 PM

JR

“ *Jo Anastasia & Karen Raths purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Helen Milewski.*



Jo Anastasia & Karen Raths - March 20, 2018 at 01:02 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Milewski.*



March 20, 2018 at 12:51 PM