



Dr. George B. Helden

April 2, 1955 - October 4, 2016

Dr. George Bendall Helden, DDS, 61, of Grafton, IL passed quietly at home with his family around him on October 4, 2016 at 11:20pm. After an almost three-year battle with cancer, Jesus took him home.

He came into this world April 2, 1955 in Pekin, IL to Rudolph and Mary Francis Helden. Married to his soul mate, Renae Peterson. They were blessed with two daughters; Rachel Brady and Lindsey (Derrick) Richardson, and two grandchildren, Levi and Iris.

Also surviving is a sister Carol (Don) Nolett of Gloversville, NY and their two sons and families. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Rudolph Helden Jr.

A was a graduate of the University of Illinois College of Dentistry, Chicago and Mayo Graduate School of Medicine, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency, Rochester, MN. He practiced for twenty-nine years in the partnership of Crammond and Helden, LTD of Alton and Edwardsville.

George was passionate about his work, education, staying active, exploring the outdoors, spending time with his family, and in his relationship with God. He had a strong yet gentle spirit and is loved by many.

A service to celebrate his life will be held at Eden Church, 903 North Second Street, Edwardsville, IL on Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 9-10am. Doors will open at 8am.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to The Nature Institute, TreeHouse Wildlife Center, or Three Rivers Community Farm to support children's learning, eagle rescues, and local organic produce; all causes he believed in.
www.thenatureinstitute.org www.treehousewildlifecenter.com www.threeriverscommunityfarm.com

Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **15**. 9:00 AM (CT)

Eden Church
903 North Second Street
Edwardsville, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. George B. Helden*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Dr. George B. Helden*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *I am so grateful for George and his family...George was a gentle loving guy who genuinely cared for others. He removed a large cyst from the roof of my mouth all while finding out he himself was battling his fight with cancer. He did out of the kindness of his heart. A real stand up guy! He taught me so much in those few months. Loving your neighbor as you do yourself, compassion and being a courageous God fearing man of God. Thank you George and Renae for being such great examples and good kind hearted people. I'm striving to be the same! Theresa Wangia - St. Louis, MO.*

Theresa Wangia - October 28, 2016 at 02:03 PM

SC

“ Dear Renee, Rachel. and Lindsey,
I was so sorry to hear about George. He was a good man, loving husband, and wonderful father. All the years at Main st. Methodist and the times I had seen you around brings back so many memories. The natural love of life you two had was amazing. I send love, and the good Grace of God to carry you all of you through this. If you need me, I am here just let me know, I will never forget either of you or the girls.

Sincerely
Sheri J. Carrington (Gentry)

sheri carrington - October 16, 2016 at 10:39 PM

SK

“ I will always remember the patience and kindness shown to me by Dr. Helden. I thank him for being there for me and showing such a caring and kind attitude. he will be sadly missed by many people.
Sharon Kinder

Sharon Kinder - October 15, 2016 at 10:39 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. George B. Helden.



October 14, 2016 at 08:05 PM

KR

“ I am so sorry for your loss! Carol and I were good friends in high school. Sending prayers to all, God bless!
Karen Gifford Ranney



Katen Gifford Ranney - October 13, 2016 at 06:34 PM

KC

“ George was one of the original hockey players that I had the honor and privilege of coaching. he was also one of the main players of pekins first hockey state championship. he was always a joy to be around and a real pleasure to know.
Kenley cordts

kenley cordts - October 11, 2016 at 04:01 PM

TH

“ My deepest sympathy to Renae and family. Dr. Helden was the most kind, caring and generous people I have ever known. One of the memories I have from years ago was when he personally called to check on me in the evening after he had surgically removed my wisdom teeth that day. It sure says a lot about him!!! What a philanthropist he was as well. He was the type of guy that would give someone his last dollar! RIP Doc!

Tammy Hudanick - October 11, 2016 at 11:11 AM

SH

“ To Renae & Girls Our Prayers Are With You As your Prayers Were with me when Lois Went to be with Jesus George was a great man and will live on forever in our Hearts let God comfort you thru your grief

Steve & Sharon Honaker The Honaker & Frazier Familys

Steve Honaker - October 10, 2016 at 01:39 PM

QC

“ To Renae, our still good friend and past neighbor, we pray for his sole, and you still have good friends here to come and visit any time..

Quint & Jean Clodfelter - October 10, 2016 at 12:27 PM

TD

“ George was a fine man. The Heldens are a great family. We were blessed to have known them as friends.

Tom, Pat, Abby and Johnathan Dehner

Tom Dehner - October 10, 2016 at 11:08 AM

BB

“ I knew George in High School and worked with him at Parkview Golf Course in Pekin Ill.
He was fun to be around and a good person. Bruce Baccheschi.

Bruce Baccheschi - October 10, 2016 at 09:18 AM

 Roxy
Davis

“ Dr. Helden was a great dentist and surgeon. He had a way of making patients feel relaxed about their procedure. When he did my tooth implant I asked to see the screw that he would use to anchor the new tooth. He brought out this huge screw the size of a pencil and showed it to me...my eyes popped out of my head... and he started laughing and showed me the REAL screw then. I am so sorry for the loss of a kind, caring man.

Roxy Davis - October 10, 2016 at 01:34 AM

MA

“ George was such a caring man. I remember when the Helden family painted my classroom at W C A-RB. I felt so humbled. After removing our Julie's wisdom teeth, he and Lindsey showed up later that night at our house with ice cream. He was such a servant. He loved God, others and especially his family. Love and hugs to Renee, Rachel and Lindsey. May God comfort you and give you peace.

Mary Beth Anderson - October 09, 2016 at 09:05 AM

SM

“ Lindsey, Rachel, and Renae, I am saddened to hear of George's death. Thinking of you all during this tough time.

Sarah Moss - October 08, 2016 at 07:56 PM

JB

“ Renae, Rachel and Lindsey,
I am so sorry for your loss. I will be praying for you in the days ahead.. I know George is in Heaven, but I also know the great loss all of you feel. God is good but these days are difficult. George was such a nice kind man.
Jean Bierbaum

Jean Bierbaum - October 08, 2016 at 09:48 AM