



Helen Marie Douglas

July 21, 1930 - May 30, 2011

Helen Marie "Jinx" Douglas, 80, passed away Monday, May 30, 2011 at her residence, with her family by her side, due to ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). She was born July 21, 1930 in Alton, the daughter of the late Helen (Buckley) and Jesse Terpening. On October 18, 1947 at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church, she married Edward D. Douglas Sr. They celebrated 63 years of marriage. Mrs. Douglas retired from St. Anthony's Hospital on December 31, 1991; she then began a second career as evening secretary at St. Ambrose Catholic Church. She was involved in many church activities through the years, remaining as the treasurer for St. Vincent De Paul Society until her death. She tutored at St. Ambrose School for the past two years in the Volunteer Grandparent Tutoring Program. An avid bowler, she was the league secretary for Locks and Keys Mixed league for 40 years and had been an Election Judge for numerous years. Mrs. Douglas leaves behind with cherished memories, her husband; Edward Douglas, Sr., their children; Edward Douglas, Jr., Sharon Newell, Penny Douglas Jests, David Douglas, Catherine Devening, Timothy Douglas and a very special daughter-in-law; Trudi Douglas (Tim's wife), thirteen grandchildren, several great grandchildren, one brother; Fred Terpening of Madison, WI, several nieces and nephews, her beloved pets; Jewell, Dakota, Snowflake and Benjamin, and many, many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister; Hilda "Dukie" Borreson, and two brothers; Robert and Kenneth Terpening. Visitation will be Thursday, June 2, 2011 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. A mass of

Christian burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 3, 2011 with Father Steve Polhman presiding and Deacon Bill Kessler assisting, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to St. Ambrose Catholic Church for masses, The ALS Society, or Riverbend Humane Animal Society in Jerseyville, IL.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Marie Douglas*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Helen Marie Douglas*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *We have many memories of things that Helen and I have been thru. I just saw Tim & Ed a few weeks ago and cannot believe she has gone to heaven so soon. She suffered alot thru the last years and always had a positive outlook and loved her family so very much. Tim I love you and Trudy and no you are going to miss her so very much & your dad has lost part of himself. Just love each other and no she is in a better place. All of our love.*

Betty Bauswell & Family - June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thinking of you during this time, and praying for peace for you- Tim, Dave and Trudy.
love,peace,
Star*

Star Hall - June 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ All my love, prayers, and love go to my Uncle Ed and cousins. I feel your loss. I wish I'd had the chance to grow up knowing my Mom's family, Aunt Jinx understood that, and these past years has been wonderful at staying in touch via email. I will always love and appreciate her for that. Thank you Cousin Tommy for keeping me informed. God bless.

Love, Linda

Linda (Borreson) Rego - June 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

“ O Lord,
I live here as a fish in a vessel of water,
only enough to keep me alive,
but in heaven I shall swim in the ocean.
Here I have a little air in me to keep me breathing,
but there I shall have sweet and fresh gales;
Here I have a beam of sun to lighten my darkness,
a warm ray to keep me from freezing;
yonder I shall live in light and warmth for ever.
My natural desires are corrupt and misguided,
and it is thy mercy to destroy them;
My spiritual longings are of thy planting,
and thou wilt water and increase them;
Quicken my hunger and thirst after the realm above.
Here I can have the world,
there I shall have thee in Christ;
Here is a life of longing and prayer,
there is assurance without suspicion,
asking without refusal;
Here are gross comforts, more burden than benefit,
there is joy without sorrow,
comfort without suffering,
love without inconstancy,
rest without weariness.
Give me to know that heaven is all love,
where the eye affects the heart,
and the continual viewing of thy beauty
keeps the soul in continual transports of delight.
Give me to know that heaven is all peace,
where error, pride, rebellion, passion raise no head.
Give me to know that heaven is all joy,
the end of believing, fasting, praying,
morning, humbling, watching, fearing, repining;
And lead me to it soon.
(A 16th century unknown Puritan)

Bob Borreson - June 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?*

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

(Psalm 24:3-5)

He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.

(John 3:36)

Bob Borreson - June 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *We were so sorry to hear about Helen's passing. We wish we could be there. Helen was such a wonderful person. I will miss all her e-mails as we have missed bowling with her and Ed on Saturday nights. You will all be in our prayers.*

Mike & Karen Greer - June 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Tim -
Your mother was a truly wonderful lady and one of the dearest friends I've ever had. She and I had such a knack for stirring up trouble when we worked together at SAH. Please know that you and all your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Dorothy Prager Ward - June 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Farewell my friend, my bowling buddy. I will miss you. I'm so glad to have had the chance for one more hug from you on 5/16. I kept our secret. Love, Lucille

Lucille Haar - June 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Love and prayers for all the family. Jinx will be missed by so many. She was always so kind to me and I always felt so welcome around her and Ed.

bobbi douglas - June 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Dear Ed and family.
So sorry to hear about Jinx. She was always one of my favorites from "The old Days". I won't be able to attend the service but wanted you to know all of you are in my prayers. May God be with all of you.
All my Love....Kay

Kay (Storey) Stuttman - May 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ HELEN AND i have been friend for quite a while. I will miss her a lot. We've been through good and bad, she is with the angels now resting peacefully. I love you Helen.

Sue

Sue Bangert - May 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ you have my sympathy--love to all..

Debbie Hamilton - May 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM