



Helene Margaret Bird

May 24, 1934 - June 10, 2021

On Thursday June 10, 2021, Helene Margaret Bird (Boden, Forkey) left us to be with Jesus and all those she loved and lost. She was a woman of great faith and conviction. Helene was 87. She was born in New York, NY on May 24, 1934 to Arthur and Ethel Boden.

Helene was a loving wife, beloved mother, step mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Helene loved music and loved to sing, there was a time she sang in four choirs. She also loved books and read many different types of books including an Encyclopedia and she loved a good word pun. Many would try to stump her with a new word they learned but she of course already knew it and would use it in a sentence. Helene was strong in her beliefs but was always open to a good debate. She always wanted us to see the alternative, the possibilities. Helene was a kind woman who accepted everyone with an open heart and mind.

She is predeceased by her parents, her brother Arthur T. Boden Jr., husband James Henry Bird, Jr. and stepson, James Henry Bird III.

She is survived by her children, Steven Forkey and wife Sheryl of Hudson NH, Christopher Forkey and wife Kimberly of Summerville SC, Lynelle Marcello

and husband Joseph of Methuen MA, Michael Forkey and wife Suzanne of Snohomish WA, Janet Nieves and husband David of Winter Springs FL, Matthew Forkey and wife Lisa of Derry NH, Allison Bird Roseberry of Layton UT, Ian Bird and wife Lori of Saratoga Springs UT, and Duncan Bird and wife Cindy of Salem NH. Helene was also beloved by her many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Helene gave to many children's and military veteran's charities so in lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity in Helene's name. A graveside service will be held on Friday June 18, 2021 at 10 AM in the Pine Grove Cemetery 329 Main St. in Salem NH. All may please meet at the cemetery.

Previous Events

GRAVESIDE SERVICE

JUN 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

Pine Grove Cemetery
329 Main St.
Salem, NH

Tribute Wall



“ *Helene Margaret Bird*

October 06, 2023 at 08:13 AM



“ *Helene Margaret Bird*

September 27, 2023 at 04:05 AM



“ *My sincerest condolences to the family in this great loss. Fondest memories of being invited on summer family vacations with the family. I'll never forget as a kid while on vacation with the family going out on a boat ride in the ocean and Janet & I getting seasick. Janet found comfort with her head resting on her Dad's lap and my comfort was my head resting on Helene's lap while she stroked my hair. Never a kinder woman. She will be missed...*

~ **C. Renee Womble** - June 17, 2021 at 03:36 PM



“ *Hi Duncan,
My condolences to you and your family for the loss of your beloved mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Sincerely Michael Tsougranis*

Michael Tsougranis - June 17, 2021 at 12:20 PM

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“ *Very sorry for your loss. Helene was a good friend for several decades. We went through good times and bad, but Helene always had a positive outlook. And we car pooled to many, many choir rehearsals over the years. As far as New Jersey which I'm sure Janet remembers. Hope to make the graveside service, but if it doesn't work out, our love to all. Carol & David Moore*

Carol Moore - June 16, 2021 at 03:09 PM



“ *I am deeply sorry to hear of Helene's passing. She was a very warm & caring person who was a friend to everyone she met. Always had a pleasant smile & was willing to talk about just anything with you. She always made you feel comfortable even if she just met you. The world has truly lost a beautiful soul, but heaven has gained a remarkable angel. My deepest sympathy to all. Love, Kathy*

Kathy Chichester - June 16, 2021 at 12:35 PM



“ *Kathy Chichester lit a candle in memory of Helene Margaret Bird*



Kathy Chichester - June 16, 2021 at 12:27 PM