



Helen M. Glander

February 3, 1920 - February 17, 2010

HELEN MARIE McLAUGHLIN GLANDER, age 90, passed away due to congestive heart failure on February 17, 2010, at Tacoma General Hospital in Tacoma, Washington. Helen was born February 3, 1920, on Belvidere Street on Detroit's East Side to Edward and Stella Kinna McLaughlin. She attended Pingree Elementary and Barbour Jr. High and graduated from Southeastern High School. Some of the happiest times of Helen's life were the childhood summers she spent on her Grandfather and Grandmother Kinna's farm on the shore of Lake Huron in Forester Township, Sanilac County. It was during her nineteenth summer there that she met her husband-to-be, Edwin Glander, whose family owned property with tourist cabins down the road from her grandparents' farm. Helen and Eddie were married in 1943 in South Carolina, where he was stationed with the Army-Air Corps. After WWII, they returned to Detroit, where they resided on Wayburn from 1947 until a 1978 move to Macomb Township. During the 1940s and 1950s, Helen enjoyed working in the credit department at the downtown J.L. Hudson Company department store. After Eddie's death, she returned to work at age 65 and enjoyed employment with Kmart, Meijer, and Kroger, where she took pride in having worked until the age of 86. In 2008, Helen moved to the state of Washington to be near her only child, Barbara, and her family. Helen was active until the end of her life, enjoying family get-togethers and daily excursions with her daughter and grandchildren. During her lifetime, Helen was a loving daughter, wife and mother; an excellent student; a strong swimmer; and a hard worker,

who always strove to do her best. She was an avid reader, enjoyed gardening and canning tomatoes, loved animals and always managed to maintain her sense of humor. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin W. Glander, and by her half-brother, Jack W. Murray of Ft. Worth, Texas. She is survived by her daughter, Barbara J. Todd, and son-in-law, John D. Todd, of Spanaway, WA; three grandchildren, who all took excellent care of their grandmother during her final illness: Diana L. Tinley Richard of Puyallup, WA; Marilyn K. Clarence John of Graham, WA; and Michael D. Todd Tonya of Tacoma, WA; and great-grandchildren: Brianna Brown, Bryan Todd, Johnny Clarence, Michael Clarence, Claire Todd and step-great-granddaughter Audrey Collen. Helen was laid to rest March 1, 2010, at Forester Cemetery in Sanilac County.

Tribute Wall

DG

“ Dear Barb, I will always remember your mother as being a very sweet and kind woman with a great smile. I still remember when I worked at Kaiser Aluminum, and came to your house on 52nd St, looking like I took a bath in Charcoal. Your mother said "It proves he is a hard working man." She always had a nice thing to say to me. Sorry about your loss. Dave Gallagher

David Gallagher - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Dear Barb, So sorry to hear of your loss. Blessings to you and to your Mom. Love, Shari

Shari Ligett - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ With fond and loving memories of a dear aunt. Pat Mullaney and Chapman Cunningham

Pat Mullaney - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Barb, John and family, What a beautiful photo of your lovely Mom, mother-in-law, grandma and great grandma. It will be difficult to have this first Mother's Day without her but I'm sure you all have a treasure trove of fond memories of her to last you the rest of your lives. Sincerely, Connie Richardson

Connie Richardson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *Dear Barb, Thank you for sharing your Mom's life. One thing I will always remember about your Mom was her wonderful sense of humor. Love, Susie*

Susie Kendall - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM