



Helen Hanna Straith

February 2, 1916 - December 31, 2009

Helen Hanna Straith, age 93, a resident of Royal Oak, formerly of Beverly Hills, died December 31, 2009 at her home. She was born February 21, 1916 in Detroit. Mrs. Straith retired from the Royal Oak Public Schools after 30 years of being an elementary teacher. She was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Birmingham and formerly of Calvary Baptist Church in Hazel Park. She is survived by her sons, Robert W. Shryl Straith and Paul F. the late Lenore Straith; grandchildren, Tracey, Lesley, Jennifer, Kent and Reid; and great grandchildren, Ethan, Tobin, Meryn and Brecken. She was preceded in death by her husband, L. Edward Straith, on October 10, 2002. The visitation will be held Sunday 2-7 p.m. and service Monday 11 a.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W Eleven Mile Road 4 blocks E of Woodward, Royal Oak, with the Rev. Charles J. Whitfield officiating. The burial will take place at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. Memorials to the Salvation Army, Planned/Major Gifts Department, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield, MI 48075. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

GW

“ Dear Straiths, We are so sorry that Aunt Helen is gone. She lived an incredible life as did Grandma Gretchen. May we all be so fortunate to know, love, to be known by and loved by so many generations of our own family. With love, Gretchen, Liz and Richard

Gretchen Whitmer - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Dear Straith Family, From our Hanna Family Reunions, Aunt Helen had an amazing gift of memory, and had a genuine interest in all who surrounded her. She touched many, including me. What a lovely legacy she has left in her family. I will remember her easy smile, her little laugh, and her Christmas Card. Kris Barton Fishman

Kris Fishman - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Dear precious Aunt Helen was the very best. She was always the one we cousins vied to sit next to at Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner so we could laugh with her at her amazing puns and witticisms. She was bright, funny, empathetic, kind, loving, and sometimes mildly irreverent! Aunt Helen was the last of her generation and did mention at lunch last summer that God had saved the best for last! We shall all miss her greatly. The Bartons

Elizabeth Barton - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Paul, Bob and Family, So sorry to hear about your mom. But know she was waiting to meet our Lord. We will be praying for you. We loved your mom and I will always remember how she prayed so much for me. Ken and Betty Colborn and Ruby Paull

Betty Paull Colborn - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PW

“Helen, you brought such joy into my life. Your love for me was quite evident and you always encouraged me to live for Christ no matter what the circumstances were. Thank you for loving me, Stan and my girls like you did. Our family has been blessed deeply by you. I am so thankful you are finely home, but our family will miss you terribly. Thank you for your love, your encouragement and mostly for your prayers. I love you Helen. Thank you for everything. I shall never forget you... or your cute jokes!!!!

Pamela Wentzel - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM