



## Helen Ann Venora

February 2, 1935 - October 30, 2016

Helen Ann (Gregaitis) Venora, 81, of Bloomfield, beloved wife of Daniel A. Venora, passed away peacefully on October 30, 2016 with her family by her side. Even as age took its toll on her body this past year, Helen's mind and spirit never faded, and to the end she was happiest when she was with the people she loved. Helen was born in New York City on February 2, 1935, and was the daughter of the late Paul Gregaitis and Nellie (Kainauskas) Gregaitis. She graduated in 1953 from Bloomfield High School, where she met and later married her high school sweetheart. Helen attended the Teachers College of Connecticut (now CCSU) for a period of time and later worked as a telephone operator before starting a family.

Helen and Dan were together for 61 years of marriage. They were one as a couple in good times and in bad, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health. They always had each other's back. Helen was a wonderful cook, a meticulous homemaker, an avid reader, piano player, dog-sitter for her dear Maddie, and always ready with a good joke. She was an incredibly generous person with an endearing sense of humor that made the people around her smile, laugh and feel good. Helen loved spending time on the Cape and traveling to St. Maarten. She especially loved hosting large holiday gatherings, and would always make sure the Christmas stockings, Easter baskets and presents for the grandkids were even, right down to the penny. She welcomed everyone into her home, and no one ever left Helen's home

hungry or without a bag of leftovers. Above all else, Helen devoted herself to the needs of her family members and took unending pride in their accomplishments, both great and small. Helen was a person of strength and perseverance, style and grace. She was the rock.

Helen is survived by her husband Dan, her son Daniel P. Venora of West Hartford, and her son Timothy J. Venora and his wife Laurie B. Venora of West Hartford. Helen is also survived by eight grandchildren who were her pride and joy: Daniel, Macauley, Matthew, Alyssa, Nicholas, Kelley, Maggie and Ryan Venora. Helen also leaves her brother Paul V. Gregaitis and his wife Karen Gregaitis of Higganum, and many other in-laws, nieces and nephews. Helen was predeceased by her sister Patricia Symons of Mystic. Helen and Pat would talk every day and she missed Pat greatly after her death.

Calling hours will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 26 Wintonbury Ave. in Bloomfield. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family. The family would like to express their deep appreciation to everyone at the Hospital at Hebrew Healthcare for their care of Helen.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

NOV 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home  
906 Farmington Ave  
West Hartford, CT 06119  
(860) 232-1322

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church  
26 Wintonbury Ave.  
Bloomfield, CT

# Tribute Wall

BK

“ *Timmy and Laurie,*

*I was so sorry to hear of the passing your mother, Timmy. Boy it's been a hard 6 months! You are such a source of strength for everyone that little did I know you were in the midst of your own mother's illness and passing. I hope that you both know that both your mom and Bobby are with you always in spirit and that, that's a well spring of comfort for you. My prayers and condolences are with you.*

*xxoo, Beth Kells*

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**Beth Kells** - November 06, 2016 at 09:19 PM

JF

“ *Dan,*

*We are very sorry to hear of the passing of your mothers. You and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Jay & Alberina Fletcher and family*

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**Jay Fletcher** - November 03, 2016 at 08:39 AM

HO

“ Dear Tim & Laurie,  
We spent many years enjoying your families company, including special times with your parents Tim. Being a transplant to West Hartford is not easy but having friends and family like yours made our transition seamless. Your family always made ours feel warm and welcome. Loved them as if they were their own. Our thoughts and prayers are with you always.  
Much Love - The Hollerbachs

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**hollerbach** - November 03, 2016 at 08:15 AM

JS

“ Dear Tim, Dan, and Dan,  
I was saddened deeply to hear of Helen's passing. Thinking of her brings back fond memories of spring afternoons spent on the Northwest Catholic baseball field when I was coaching and Tim was my captain and right - fielder. She was such a nice person, always upbeat and friendly. Although I did not get to know her as well as I did Dan senior, I'm sure that she was a wonderful parent simply because both of her sons were and continue to be such outstanding individuals. I am sure that her kindness and love have been showered on her grandchildren as well.  
It has been too long since I have seen you all and I am sorry that this is the occasion that brings me back in contact. You are all part of a very special time in my life and I will always think of you fondly. Please accept my heart felt condolences for your loss and know that she and you will all be in my thoughts and prayers. I regret that time and distance make it impossible for me to attend the services and share my regrets with you in person. Sincerely, John Shukie  
Northwest Catholic High School Retired Baltimore, MD.

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**John C. Shukie** - November 02, 2016 at 01:19 PM

MS

“ On behalf of President/Chief Administrator David Eustis and the entire Northwest Catholic High School community, I offer my deepest sympathy on the passing of Helen Ann Venora. As mother of Daniel Venora '77 and Timothy Venora '81, Helen will be remembered in our community's prayers. We are very sorry for your loss.

*Maureen Scudder, Director of Communications*

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**Maureen Scudder** - November 02, 2016 at 08:16 AM

ED

*Hi Timmy,  
I am so sorry to hear of your lose. My dad passed last year. It is always sad. Keep your memories close. Take care.  
Elaine Coco Dunie*

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**elaine dunie** - November 02, 2016 at 11:15 AM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Ann Venora.*



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November 01, 2016 at 05:31 PM