



Helen Melrose Duffy

October 10, 2023

Helen Melrose Duffy, 84, of Port Washington, NY, passed away peacefully on October 10, 2023, at home. She was born on 6/12/1939 in Glasgow, Scotland, to the late Daniel and Sarah Jane Wilcox. She grew up in World War II. She was predeceased by brothers Daniel (Grace) Wilcox and Robert (Janette) Wilcox and two of six sisters Margaret (Victor) Schultz and Agnes (Johnny) McHoul.

Beloved wife to her husband John Duffy of 66 years, she is also survived by her sons John (Sophia Fu) Duffy III, Brian (Elizabeth) Duffy, Kenneth (Wendy) Duffy, and 5 grandchildren Dylan, Kay, Christopher, Logan, and Scarlett Duffy. She is also survived by sisters May Curatolo, Sadie Ruddy, Patricia (Gordon) Niven, and Isabel (Andrew) McConville. She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, grand-nephews, and many friends. She is predeceased by brother- and sisters-in-law Grace Sheridan, Joan Orr, Isabel Kent, William Duffy, and Janette Mathieson.

Helen immigrated to the United States on the Queen Elizabeth I steam liner across the Atlantic Ocean with her infant son John to join her husband John (Ian) in the town of Port Washington, where they raised their family. She worked as a medical assistant to an Obstetrician and Gynecologist and a massage therapist. As a member of the United Methodist Church of Port Washington, she was active in the church for over 60 years. Helen loved taking walks at the beach and “skipping the stones. She was also a Scottish highland country dancer, where she would travel into Manhattan and

Westchester to perform. Above all, Helen was kind and was a mom to all who knew her. Her greatest joy was her 3 boys, daughters-in-law, 5 grandchildren, and all her nieces and nephews.

All of those she loved and touched deeply, please join us on Wednesday afternoon October 18, 2023, from 2:00-4:00PM and 6:00-8:00PM at Roslyn Heights Funeral Home, 75 Mineola Ave, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577 followed by the church service on Thursday October 19, 2023, from 11:00-11:45AM at the United Methodist Church of Port Washington, 35 Middle Neck Road, Port Washington, NY 11050.

Flowers can be sent to the funeral home by clicking on:

<https://www.qgfloral.com/roslyn-heights-funeral-flowers/>

or donations to St. Francis Cancer Institute <https://www.chsli.org/st-francis-hospital/ways-give> or Dementia Society of America <https://www.dementiasociety.org> can be made.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 18. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Roslyn Heights Funeral Home
75 Mineola Ave
Roslyn Heights, NY 11577
(516) 621-4545
roslynheightsfh@gmail.com
<https://RoslynHeightsFH.com>

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Church Service

OCT 19. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

United Methodist Church
35 Middle Neck Road
Port Washington, NY 11050

Tribute Wall

GM

“ *Condolences to all the family and friends of our beloved Aunt Helen. I used to love her visits to Scotland, she was always so generous and fun. When she came to stay we had many great trips around Scotland and she always had such a fantastic time. Rest in peace and God Bless*

Gerry McConville - October 19, 2023 at 01:43 PM

JM

“ *A truly loved sister of Pat and Gordon and treasured Aunt of Julie and Gordon. Pat missed Helen when she left for America but they always made a special effort never to lose touch.*

Aunt Helen will always be remembered for her words of positivity and happy manner. We feel blessed to have had her in our lives. Rest in peace and be with your angels x x



Julie MacLennan - October 19, 2023 at 08:08 AM

DM

“ *Condolences to all family and friends of aunt Helen
On behalf of my Mum..*

She was was a great loving sister and we will miss her dearly, God Bless .. from your loving sister Isabell and Andy and family.

As a wee nephew of Aunt Helen at the time , I recall her words of experience that she gave to me on leaving home (immigrating) her words are still so true to me today .. thank you Aunt Helen xx...rest in heavenly peace

Damian

Damian McConville - October 18, 2023 at 02:21 PM

DM

“ *Helen's smile always lit up the day. My wife and I miss her.*

Don Mariano - October 18, 2023 at 05:58 AM

DM

“ *Don Mariano lit a candle in memory of Helen Duffy*



Don Mariano - October 18, 2023 at 05:55 AM

MS

“ *Remembering the bright shining star
Aunt Helen Melrose from afar in Oz
Australia. I am very grateful for all the beautiful lunches you
included me in, your letters and cards to me and the love in your
heart you always extended to me on my visits to Port Washington.
Rest in peace
With Love,
Marlena*

Marlena Smallbone - October 15, 2023 at 09:19 PM

DM

*Condolences to all family and friends of Aunt Helen
On behalf of my mum
She was a great and loving sister and we will miss her dearly, God
Bless , your loving sister Isabell and Andy and family.. as a wee
nephew at the time I recall the experience words that Aunt Helen gave
me on immigrating (leaving hame) her words are still true to me as of
this day , thank you , rest in heavenly peace.. Scotland 🇬🇧 forever Aunt
Helen xxx*

Damian McConville - October 18, 2023 at 01:54 PM