



Helen "Nicki" Jensen

February 2, 2025

Helen "Nicki" Jensen, 77, of Camillus, formerly of Clay, Cicero and Wilmington, NC, passed away at her home February 2, 2025. Born in Brooklyn, NY to the late Arthur and Helen Catherine (Nelson) Nicholson, she was also predeceased by her siblings; her twin, Arthur "Artie" and elder sister, Lynn Marie Carlsen. She grew up in Bay Ridge and graduated from Wagner College, Staten Island, NY, where she was a sister of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority.

Nicki was an elementary school teacher, beginning in Marlboro NY, then for a time at the USAF Dependents School at RAF Alconbury, England. While substitute teaching in the North Syracuse and Central Square Districts, she received her master's degree from SUNY Oswego and began teaching in the Central Square Central School District. She retired in 2008, having taught first and second grades at Cleveland and Millard Hawk Elementary Schools.

As a long time member of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Nicki had served as a Liturgical Deacon and as member of the choir and altar guild. She was a member of Home Bureau where her creativeness was demonstrated. She could make anything; was a seamstress, knit sweaters, and crafter.

Nicki was an avid reader and crossword puzzle solver. She was an active person, as a member of Curves, doing Pilates, yoga, and walking either in the neighborhood or the halls of the school.

Nicki is survived by her husband of 56 years, William G. "Bill" Jensen, whom she had met at Wagner College. Also surviving are her children, Melissa

(Chayah) Fox, Caroline Gosson and Matthew Jensen; eight grandchildren, Tyler, MacKenzie, Aaron, Avery, Zachary, Brody, Spencer and Christian; three great grandsons, Ridley, Theo and Henry; two nephews and three nieces.

The family will greet friends from 10 am until a memorial service at 11 am at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 435 South Main Street, North Syracuse, on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 followed by placement in the Columbarium of the Church.

Donations may be made in Nicki's memory to the Alzheimer's Association of CNY, 5015 Campuswood Drive, Suite 102, East Syracuse, NY 13057.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church
435 South Main Street
North Syracuse , NY

Tribute Wall

DM

“ Nicki was a former colleague of mine at Millard Hawk Primary School. We were across the hall from each other for many years. I loved to listen to her jokes, especially around St. Patrick’s Day, and when she greeted many of us with her English accent. Rest in so much peace, Nicki. You were loved and will be missed by many. I will never forget you. I will not be able to attend Nicki’s service as I will be attending my father’s celebration of life Mass at the same time. Please accept my most deepest condolences. Thank you for the wonderful memories, Nicki.

Debi Morgan - February 11, 2025 at 07:19 AM

CP

“ Nicki was a great deal of fun to teach with. Her classroom at Millard Hawk was across from mine and we shared many laughs. Sending each of you my deepest condolences.

Cindy Pettit - February 05, 2025 at 02:56 PM

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“ Andrea Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Helen "Nicki" Jensen



Andrea Brown - February 05, 2025 at 09:18 AM

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“ Dear Bill, Melissa, Caroline and Matt- We were so saddened to learn of Nikki's passing. Although we have not seen you in a very long time, we still cherish memories of fun times spent together in the neighborhood. Nikki was such a kind and fun- loving person with a great smile and laugh. We will be in Florida at the time of the service and are so sorry we can not be there to pay our respects. Please accept our condolences. Andrea and Lionel Brown

Andrea Brown - February 05, 2025 at 09:17 AM