



## Helen Therese Fish

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With heavy hearts but countless cherished memories, we celebrate the beautiful life of Dr. Helen Therese Berg Fish, who passed away peacefully in Savannah, Georgia, surrounded by love.

Born in Minneapolis to John and Therese Berg, Helen dedicated her life to nurturing young minds and hearts as an educator, author, sister, and mother. She graduated high school from Holy Angels in Richfield in 1962. Her passion for education led her to earn a Bachelor of Science in Primary Education, followed by a Master's in Early Childhood Education and Literature from Brenau University, and both an Educational Specialist and Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Georgia.

For nearly five decades, Helen touched the lives of countless children as a beloved educator. She began her teaching journey in 1966 at Richfield Public Schools, followed by positions at Mankato Public Schools, Janesville Public Schools, and Gainesville City Schools, where she spent most of her career from 1986-2013 at Enota Elementary, Fair Street School, and Centennial Elementary. Her final chapter in education was at St. Anne's Catholic School in Bristol, Virginia, where she continued sharing her gift until 2015 and it is

here she shared her time with her first grandchildren. Teaching over 750 children to read remained one of her greatest achievements and sources of joy. Helen would often describe the moment a child could read as both her proudest and most joyful moment because she knew it would spark the foundation for a lifetime of learning.

Helen's joy for life extended far beyond the classroom. She found peace and wonder in the outdoors, and was always eager to share nature with her family. A spunky athlete, she proudly earned first place in her age group in several 5K road races. Her lifelong love of learning meant she was constantly trying new things and embracing fresh adventures.

Above all, Helen embodied generosity of spirit and remarkable resilience. She faced life's challenges by looking forward to the next sunny day. Through every hardship, she wore an armor of kindness, putting her children at the center of her life and instilling in them the same strength, kindness, and love of all that defined her character. A devoted Catholic, she gave of herself more than she took, treating everyone—from the janitor to the president—with equal respect. Her warm hugs, unwavering "I love yous," and genuine care for others created a circle of love that touched all who knew her. Her resilience became a beacon of hope, showing all who knew her how grace and determination could overcome any obstacle while nurturing the next generation with unwavering love.

Helen is survived by her devoted children: Eric James Fish (Garieann), Angela Diane Fish Zambito (Vincent), and Christine Ann Fish-Therault (Frederic); her treasured grandchildren: Ryan William Fish, Lauren Elizabeth Fish, Leonardo Charles Zambito, Sophia Therese Zambito, and Amélie Ann Therault; and her loving siblings: John Berg, Paul Berg, and Lisa Berg; her cherished step-daughter Lisa Gibson (Erik) and her children Tanner and Callie (Robert) - currently expecting a daughter. She also leaves behind numerous

cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends including the Seidl family and so many others whose lives she touched with her boundless love and friendship. She was preceded in death by her wonderful parents, John and Therese Berg, niece Katie Berg, sister-in-law Mary Lee Berg, and stepson Brandon Fish.

A Celebration of Life Services include:

Wednesday, Jun 11, 2025

Visitation

Time: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Nokomis Park Chapel, 1838 E. Minnehaha Parkway - Minneapolis, MN 55407

Thursday, Jun 12, 2025

Visitation

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, 5426 12th Avenue South - Minneapolis, MN

Funeral Service

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, 5426 12th Avenue South - Minneapolis, MN

Graveside Service

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis), 3600 Hennepin Avenue South - Minneapolis,

Reception & Celebration of Life

Following the Services (Location to be Determined)

We want to thank the countless caregivers and healthcare staff that supported our family at this difficult time especially, Hospice Savannah, and Harmony of

Savannah. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to a charity of your choice in Helen's name or to the Alzheimer's Association.

Helen's legacy lives on in every child she taught to read, every life she touched with kindness, and in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her loving spirit.

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Nokomis Park 612-721-1651

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Nokomis Park Chapel  
1838 E. Minnehaha Parkway  
Minneapolis, MN 55407  
(612) 721-1651  
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

## Visitation

JUN 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church  
5426 12th Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55417

## Funeral Service

JUN 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church  
5426 12th Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55417

## Graveside Service

JUN 12. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)  
3600 Hennepin Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55408

## Reception

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JUN 12. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hilton Minneapolis/ Bloomington  
3900 American Boulevard West  
Bloomington, MN 55437

# Tribute Wall

AB

“ It is with a heavy heart that I learned of the passing of Helen. I had the privilege of teaching her three remarkable children. Eric, Angie, and Christine, and then getting to know her better as an o-worker in the Gainesville City (GA ) school system.

*She was always so positive and such an advocate of both students and co-workers, as offering an encouraging word. What a remarkable sibling and grandmother she had to have been.*

*To Eric, Angie, Christine, and all of her family, Inextend my deepest sympathy.*

*Fly high, Helen. You have certainly earned those wings.*

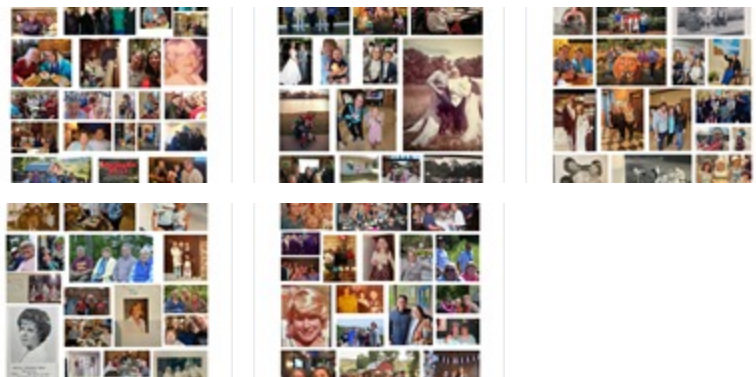
*Anne Begnaud  
Gainesville, GA*

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**Anne Begnaud** - June 21, 2025 at 11:18 AM

AZ

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



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**Angela Zambito** - June 16, 2025 at 08:10 PM

AZ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Angela Zambito - June 16, 2025 at 08:08 PM

LN

“ Laura Neff Fairchild / Dave & Karen Neff purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Helen Therese Fish.



Laura Neff Fairchild / Dave & Karen Neff - June 11, 2025 at 09:47 AM

KM

“ Kathy, Dan, Cheryl & Michelle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen Therese Fish.

Kathy, Dan, Cheryl & Michelle - June 09, 2025 at 04:36 PM

KM

“ Kathy, Dan, Cheryl & Michelle purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Helen Therese Fish.



Kathy, Dan, Cheryl & Michelle - June 09, 2025 at 04:36 PM

DB

“ Dr. John and Ann Berg purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Helen Therese Fish.



Dr. John and Ann Berg - June 06, 2025 at 05:28 PM



“ A grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Helen Therese Fish.

June 05, 2025 at 12:32 PM

YF

“ Your Friends at Autumn Lake - The Sinclair, Campbell, Gale and Suarez Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen Therese Berg Fish.

Your Friends at Autumn Lake - The Sinclair, Campbell, Gale and Suarez Families - June 03, 2025 at 04:15 PM

YF

“ Your Friends at Autumn Lake - The Sinclair, Campbell, Gale and Suarez Families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Helen Therese Fish.



Your Friends at Autumn Lake - The Sinclair, Campbell, Gale and Suarez Families - June 03, 2025 at 04:15 PM

JF

“ John, Mark, Dan, Vicki and families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen Therese Berg Fish.

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**John, Mark, Dan, Vicki and families** - June 01, 2025 at 09:06 PM

JF

“ John, Mark, Dan, Vicki and families purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Helen Therese Fish.



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**John, Mark, Dan, Vicki and families** - June 01, 2025 at 09:06 PM