



Helen M. Vogel

April 28, 1927 - April 1, 2025

Helen Marie (Logsdon) Vogel, age 97, of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, passed away on April 1, 2025, at 2:33 p.m. at Ohio Health Marion General Hospital.

Helen was born April 28, 1927, to Henry and Odelia (Seifert) Logsdon in Upper Sandusky. She married Thomas A. Vogel on June 17, 1950, in St. Peter's Church, Upper Sandusky. Tom passed away on April 29, 1995. Helen is survived by a daughter, Mary Angela (Davar) who resides in Paoli, Pennsylvania. Son-in-law, Ashok Davar, passed away on June 16, 2022. Helen is also survived by a son, Daniel A. (Gwen) Vogel of Bucyrus, Ohio. Dan has two children, Jason Vogel and Shawn Vogel.

Helen is also survived by three great grand children, Skylynn, Fiona Joelle and Ilona Claire, many nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews. Helen is also survived by sister-in-law Jean Casey and brother-in-law, David Vogel.

Helen was preceded in her death by her parents, husband, brothers Louis, Lawrence, Gerald, Richard, Robert, Bernard and Maurice. Helen was the last born and only girl with seven older brothers.

Helen graduated from Upper Sandusky High School in 1945. She was employed in by the Ohio Bell Telephone Company where she worked between years of college to pay for her education. She attended Notre Dame College

for Girls in South Euclid, Ohio, St. Mary of the Springs (now Ohio Dominican) in Columbus, Ohio, and received her Education degree (Cum Laude) from Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio. Helen was a member of The Honor Society of Heidelberg College for her distinguished academic record.

In 1951, Helen became the organist for St. Peter's Church (now Transfiguration of the Lord Catholic Church) in Upper Sandusky, where she also directed the choir for many years. Upon retirement in 2003, Helen continued as organist and leading the choir for St. Mary's Chapel in Kirby, Ohio.

In 1959, when a music teacher was needed at St. Peter's Catholic School, Helen volunteered, not taking any salary for ten years. Helen's passion for lifelong learning was evident by her participation in multiple Capital University music conferences and courses from Heidelberg University. In 1981, in addition to teaching music, Helen began teaching reading (grades 4, 5, and 6) and became 5th grade homeroom teacher.

Helen also directed and was the accompanist for many unforgettable Christmas musicals at St. Peter's. Helen was well loved in this tradition and was always grateful for St. Peter's teachers' and administrators' generosity and support.

Helen taught piano lessons from her home for many years. Gary Richards, one of her piano students, shared this about Helen: "As a piano instructor, Helen did much more than teach her students to play the notes written on the page. She asked her students to make the notes "come to life" and to let their fingers "sing." This is how she sang and played the piano herself. Her love for music was obvious."

Helen was a founding member of the Beta Chapter of Tri-Sigma Sorority (the former Music Club). Founded in 1946, this chapter was formed for young business women who pledged themselves to "...lend a helping hand at every opportunity, meet success with humility, rise above failure with spirit renewed,

and keep faith in their sisterhood and to God, their Creator.”

Helen was also a member of the Catholic Ladies of Columbia and Wyandot County Retired Teachers.

Helen’s hobbies included reading, learning challenging piano pieces, and making pies for family and friends. Helen helped many appreciate the gift of music throughout her years as a musician and teacher of music. Helen often shared, “It was all I ever wanted to do.”

Memorial contributions may be made to the restoration of the Schantz organ at the Transfiguration of the Lord Catholic Church, St. Peter’s School, or to a charity of the donor’s choice in care of Bringman Clark Funeral Home, 226 E. Wyandot Avenue, Upper Sandusky, Ohio 43351.

To extend a condolence or share a memory, visit www.BringmanClark.com. Visitation hours are 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 11, at the Transfiguration of the Lord Catholic Church, 225 N. 8th Street, in Upper Sandusky. The mass celebrating Helen’s life begins at 11:00 a.m. followed by a public interment at St. Peter’s Catholic Cemetery. Everyone is invited to the luncheon at St. Peter’s School following the service.

Cemetery Details

St. Peter's Cemetery*

Upper Sandusky, OH 43351

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Transfiguration of the Lord Catholic Church
225 North Eighth St.
Upper Sandusky, OH 43351

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall

SM

“ *Wish I could have been there. Helen taught me not only music, but empathy and kindness.*

Sue (Logsdon) Marsh - April 11, 2025 at 03:56 PM

LL

“ *My daughter and granddaughter knew Helen's life and love for music*



Laura Leightey - April 11, 2025 at 12:48 PM

CS

these cupcakes were incredible! I took photos to share with family. please let her know how much they were appreciated.

Catherine (Logsdon) Spady - April 14, 2025 at 06:13 PM

JW

“ My Father, Jack Wilson, was in Helen's graduating class. There are not very many of them left. He says since Jane Harris passed, who kept the list of their class mates, he's not sure how many are left. He notes, with a chuckle, that Helen's obituary does not mention that she was the May Day Queen!

When I moved back to Upper, I would visit Helen and she loved to talk politics with me. She liked to be one of the first in town to have the "best" political yard signs and it was a pleasure for me to do that for her.

Helen touched a lot of lives and will be missed.

Jackie Wilson

Jackie Wilson - April 11, 2025 at 08:10 AM

PS

Helen was a wonderful lady a gift from God to all the lives she touched. She was a true angel.

Penny Shull - April 12, 2025 at 09:36 AM

LM

“ I met Helen when she was my children's music teacher. They learned to love music from her expertise and enthusiasm. I joined the choir about that time, and enjoyed a long friendship with her and my choir family. She enriched the lives of all who were blessed to know her. Rest in peace, Helen. Light up the heavens with your angelic music!

Linda Miller - April 10, 2025 at 08:59 PM

DJ

“ I have fond memories of Helen playing the piano in my house at holiday gatherings. They are wonderful memories indeed. May her soul rest in peace. My deepest condolences to her family. Dan Jones

Dan Jones - April 10, 2025 at 07:25 PM

LL

“ First my neighbor, then also music teacher, choir director, and always a dear friend. So many wonderful memories. She played for our wedding almost 50 years ago, and then my daughter's wedding. She had a special way of making a person feel good. I have cards saved from her and when I am down on myself I read them and feel so much better. Simply one of the best people I have ever been blessed to know and have in my life. Thank you so much Helen Vogel. ❤️

Laura Wieging Leightey - April 10, 2025 at 07:21 PM

LJ

“ Mrs. Vogel opened my world through the music she brought to the classroom. I traveled to the West with cowboy songs, the South with African Spirituals, and many other parts of our world through music, musical instruments and song. I am thankful for the blessing of Helen in my life, especially during my formative years. Helen, May you lead angelic choirs for eternity.

Liz Jones - April 10, 2025 at 06:59 PM

BL

“ I first met Helen in 1980 when Tom hired me to help her clean, remove wallpaper and do some painting in their home. Throughout these many years our friendship deepened and we shared many good times and memories. Helen was not only a perfectionist but also a tradition slave. She loved Christmas and the house was always decorated on the outside with red lights and bows along with greenery. We always teased her about having the red light district when in fact red means peace for Christmas. Decorations always stayed up until after Epiphany because the wise men had to have time to arrive at the nativity. Windows were always washed and gleaming to reflect the lights! She was a wonderful pie baker and would always bless me with a lemon pie or a rhubarb custard, her mother's recipe, after the work was done. I always remember her dusting and how she would stop for awhile just to play a song on the piano and lighten the mood of the day. In later years we would attend concerts or share a snack or perhaps dinner while visiting. She was always interested in current events or what I was doing. I will be forever grateful to visit with her at the hospital in her final hours upon this earth. We prayed together and she squeezed my hand as a farewell. Rest in peace my dear friend as you will always be cherished for your love and kindness. Love you dearly. My sympathy to Dan And Mary. Thoughts from Bryan E. Long

Bryan E Long - April 09, 2025 at 09:47 PM

JH

“ Rest In Peace my dear friend. I shall always remember your kindness and friendship. Heaven now has the greatest musical Angel for eternity.
Never forgotten, Always remembered.....Joyce Healea 🙏🙏

Joyce Healea - April 09, 2025 at 09:34 PM

FS

“ One of the strongest and kindest teachers I ever had. I thought of her often, and will always appreciate everything she taught me.



Former Student - April 09, 2025 at 07:03 PM



“ Oh, Aunt Helen you will be missed! So many memories of sitting around Papa Maury's and Aunt Carol's dinner table talking. You were a strength.

*I remember in second grade getting the lead in the Christmas play and I was terrified to sing in front of all those people. You told me, " You are a Logsdon and YOU have a voice and let it sing!" I will never forget it, even though I still only sing in the shower. You have created a legacy and will be remembered my many for your love in giving the voice of music. Love you always dear Auntie,
Lisa Vaughn*

Lisa Vaughn - April 09, 2025 at 09:56 AM

GL

“ I am eternally proud and thankful for my Aunt Helen, she infused and motivated my love of music! I'm proud for introducing her to Cat Steven's "Morning Has Broken" which she proceeded to play Forever! When I played my guitar at home for her she fell in love with an awkward song and always asked me to play Kenny Loggins Long Tail Cat. Aunt Helen, I'll always treasure sharing your requested beer (or two). You have been my Rock!!! Love Always! Even if you hated when my kids & I put crackers in our soup! 🤔🤔
Love, Gary Logsdon

Gary Logsdon - April 08, 2025 at 10:07 PM

MD

“ *Helen taught me how to improve my singing. She was a tireless worker and very devoted to her craft. I shall miss her friendly smile and encouragement. She had a positive attitude which made her a wonderful person to be around. Her contributions to people will always be remembered as she was very generous with her time and talents.*

Mark Dann - April 08, 2025 at 08:43 PM

MD

“ *Mark Dann lit a candle in memory of Helen M. Vogel*



Mark Dann - April 08, 2025 at 08:39 PM

AG

“ *I have fond memories of Great Aunt Helen. She was my teacher and music teacher when I attended St Peter's School. She was one in a million and will be missed.*

Annie Guinther - April 08, 2025 at 03:30 PM

ML

“ *To me, Helen stood for love of children and music. I will never forget her pure kindness, love and celebration of Our Lord. Play on!*

Marie Laudick - April 08, 2025 at 02:51 PM

TC

“Helen played for our wedding. It was the first time she played Trumpet Voluntary. What a exquisite sendoff!!! I will miss our Saturday times.

Tom and Kathy Creger - April 08, 2025 at 01:27 PM

LA

“Sincere condolences to Mary Angela and the rest of Helen's family. She was an excellent woman, unfailingly cheerful in all weathers. Always faithful to her town, and to her gifts as a church musician. It seems she was related to just about everybody in Wyandot County; I saw her most recently in October at Pat Haferd's memorial Mass in Carey. As always, a ray of sunshine.

Laura - April 08, 2025 at 11:54 AM

PV

“Mrs. Vogel was a fine person and music teacher. I have fond memories of participating in the St. Peter elementary school choir. Condolences to Mary, Dan and other family members.

Pat Vent - April 08, 2025 at 08:51 AM

MP

“Helen was a dear family friend for all my life. She and my mother Millie Bils were the same age. I vividly remember singing in St Peter's Choir and participating in several plays. When my father Robert Bils could no longer see to drive, Helen took him to the grocery store and brought him a piece of pie. Helen was a true role model to me. My prayer for Mary, Dan and all those who loved Helen, is to remember all the joy she brought to people and the beautiful music she loved so much!
By Mary Bils Phillips, Fleming Island, FL

Mary Phillips - April 08, 2025 at 08:18 AM

MB

“ I remember Mrs Vogel well. She was my elementary music teacher when I attended St Peter's elementary. My fondest memory was her giving me a main part in the Christmas play. She said I had a booming voice and they would be able to hear me in the back. She will be missed.

Michelle Lodge Brumbaugh - April 07, 2025 at 11:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Helen M. Vogel.

April 07, 2025 at 11:17 PM

EI

“ Wonderful lady! Always a smile to give and music to teach! Rest easy now great great aunt Helen!

Eileen - April 07, 2025 at 10:44 PM

BP

“ Mrs. Vogel was a very nice person and a wonderful music teacher! She will be missed!

Bryan Pahl

Bryan Pahl - April 07, 2025 at 07:22 PM

FS

“ I think about Helen a lot. She was a deeply influential person in my younger years. She taught me many lifelong lessons both in and out of the classroom. She was one of the few people who actually encouraged me to be myself in everything.

Former Student - April 07, 2025 at 04:33 PM