



## Helen B. Capps

December 4, 1943 - August 10, 2016

Helen Marie Capps, 72, of Fairfield passed away peacefully and on her own terms Wednesday, August 10, after a brief fight with complications from cancer.

Born in Pennsylvania, she moved to California with her family as a child and lived in Fairfield for nearly 50 years.

Helen worked many jobs in her life, but training and showing dogs was her life. Starting when she was 10 years old with her family dog, she spent most her life training dogs and along with her sister, Pat Haas, they wrote "The Best Dog is the Trained dog."

She eventually turned dog training into a successful business.

After getting her first Brittany in 1986, she trained six Brittanyes to several confirmation, obedience, agility and hunting championships. The Brittany and dog training world will miss her vibrant and helpful personality.

Helen was preceded in death by Ron, her husband of 28 years.

She is survived her sons, Alan and David Capps; sister, Pat Haas; her multiple champions Brittany and Striker and numerous friends that she called family.

Memorial services will be held Friday, August 19 at 10:30 a.m. at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel, 901 West 2nd St., Benicia. Inurnment will be private.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Helen B. Capps*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Alan and David. The Buells are very sorry for your loss. We have many fond memories of your mother going back to the 70s and 80s with Solano Aquatics. We also got involved in her dog classes over the years. She will be missed.*

**Buell Family** - August 21, 2016 at 11:16 AM



“ *Alan and David, I am so sorry for your loss. There are no word good enough to share how wonderful a person Helen Marie was. She opened my eyes to a brand way of looking at life. Her kindness, knowledge and support will never be forgotten. I feel blessed to have had her as a friend. HM you will be missed!*

**Conny** - August 19, 2016 at 09:42 AM



“ *Helen Marie taught me so much about dogs. We laughed throygh life's ups and downs and our dog's successes and foibles. So many of my friends, and even the work I do, were formed because of connections made through dog training. None of that eould have happened if I hadn't wandered into HM's classes 15 years ago. I miss you, lady. Hug the brittany gsng at the Bridge for me, Love Laura*

**Laura** - August 19, 2016 at 05:36 AM



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**Christy Rose** - August 18, 2016 at 11:22 PM



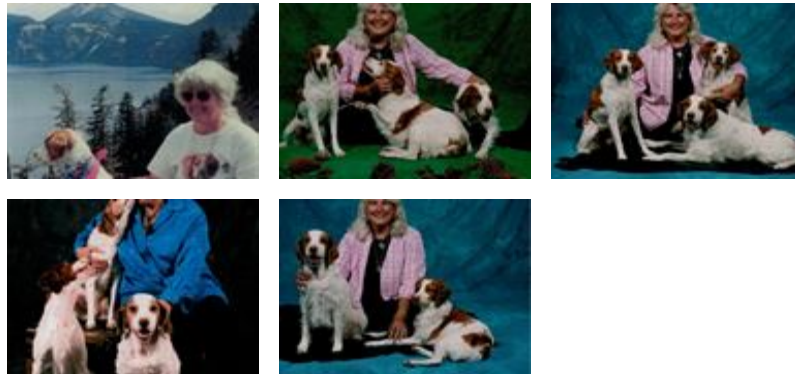
*We met through our shared love of dogs a good 25 years ago, taking obedience and agility classes together, attending seminars together that occasionally included sleepovers at her Mom's house, competing together, and having a riotous time along the way as we discovered how much we had in common. I will now have to fight the urge to share an irreverent political post with her as we also shared the same beliefs.*

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**Christy Rose** - August 19, 2016 at 11:11 AM



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**Passalacqua Funeral Chapel** - August 18, 2016 at 05:07 PM

MN

“ *Mary Jo Nieson purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Helen B. Capps.*



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**Mary Jo Nieson** - August 18, 2016 at 09:08 AM

MN

“ *Mary Jo Nieson lit a candle in memory of Helen B. Capps*



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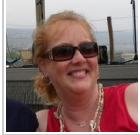
**Mary Jo Nieson** - August 18, 2016 at 07:33 AM

MN

*Helen Marie has been my mentor, best friend, supporter and chosen sister for 8 years. Her memory will never fade as she has made inestimable contributions to my life and my life with dogs. i miss her daily.*

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**Mary Jo Nieson** - August 18, 2016 at 07:35 AM



“ Alan & David, we're so sorry to hear about your mom's passing. Growing up, I always felt that she had a special bond with dogs, but didn't really understand that until much later. As a kid, I thought it was the neatest thing to actually know the author of a book!! Later, after not having a dog for over 20 years, I was grateful when I was able to take her dog obedience classes and they helped me tremendously at the time. Like someone said earlier, there are a lot of happy doggies in heaven now!  
Keeping you and her in our thoughts and prayers.  
Pam (Herr) Walls



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**Pam Walls** - August 17, 2016 at 04:35 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen B. Capps.



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August 17, 2016 at 03:28 PM



“ Alan & David, we were saddened and are sorry for your your loss. Growing up, I always remember your mom being great with dogs and thought it was really neat as a kid that I knew the author of a book!! Then, after not having a dog for more than 20 years, I was thankful for her dog obedience classes to help me with my very busy dog . Someone already said it, I'm am sure there are a lot of doggies in Heaven that are so happy to finally see her again.

*Pam (Herr) Walls*

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**Pam Walls** - August 17, 2016 at 03:20 PM

SH

“ Shirley lit a candle in memory of Helen B. Capps



Shirley - August 16, 2016 at 07:58 PM

KI

“ HM,  
I miss all our trips, laughs, McDee's coffee, sauerkraut & wennies.  
Dogs playing, our daily phone chats,  
Miss you bunches,  
Love Shirley

Kim - August 16, 2016 at 07:57 PM

DP

“ Don And Annette Pfister lit a candle in memory of Helen B. Capps



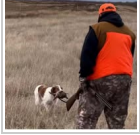
Don and Annette Pfister - August 16, 2016 at 07:52 PM

DD

“ Diana Doiron lit a candle in memory of Helen B. Capps



Diana Doiron - August 16, 2016 at 06:35 PM



“ *What a wonderful person who truly cared about others. I will miss her smile and her love for Brittany's.*

*Larry Mazzuca  
Nevada City, CA*



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**Larry Mazzuca** - August 16, 2016 at 05:15 PM

TE

“ *Terri lit a candle in memory of Helen B. Capps*



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**Terri** - August 16, 2016 at 05:05 PM

TE

*I know lots of doggies were very happy to see you when you arrived at The Rainbow Bridge, Helen Marie. Rest well.*

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**Terri** - August 16, 2016 at 05:07 PM

DM

“ *So sorry for your loss - I spent several Hunt Tests with Helen, Striker and Merlot and it was such a pleasure to be out and about with Helen. I will miss her smiling face and helpful hands. She was a true lady and fantastic sportswoman. Diane and Francis Marsh*

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**Diane Marsh** - August 16, 2016 at 04:27 PM



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Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - August 16, 2016 at 01:28 PM

TS

“ Tina & Larry Haas, Laurinda Da Silva lit a candle in memory of Helen B. Capps



Tina & Larry Haas, Laurinda da Silva - August 16, 2016 at 01:21 PM

DG

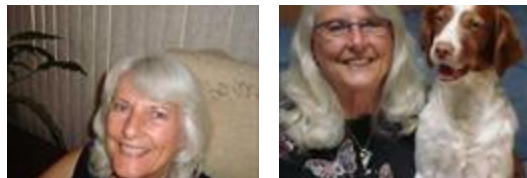
“ Donna Golemon lit a candle in memory of Helen B. Capps



Donna Golemon - August 16, 2016 at 11:58 AM

KI

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Kim - August 16, 2016 at 01:56 AM

KI

“ *Kim lit a candle in memory of Helen B. Capps*



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**Kim** - August 16, 2016 at 01:48 AM

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**Kim** - August 16, 2016 at 01:45 AM

KI

“ *Alan & David,  
I am so, so sorry for your loss. Helen Marie  
(HM) was an amazing lady, wonderful friend  
and mentor. I learned so many things from  
HM. We had lots of laughs and good times.  
Sundance you will deeply be missed!!*



*Kim*

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**Kim** - August 16, 2016 at 12:49 AM

AC

“ *In lieu of flowers, please send donations to American Brittany  
Rescue; 731 Ridge Haven Drive; La Habra, CA 90631. Thanks--  
Alan Capps.*

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**Alan Capps** - August 15, 2016 at 07:53 PM

DD

*I'm so sorry on the loss of a very great lady. We enjoyed lots of ABR functions together. She will be missed.*

**Diana Doiron** - August 16, 2016 at 06:32 PM

SD

*Our Brittany Community and many others will miss you. Helen Marie, A lovely person indeed!*

**Sherry daRoza** - August 17, 2016 at 01:03 PM

CR

*Helen Marie was the instructor when I brought a Lhasa to her city of Fairfield class in the early 80's. I was astounded at the Lhasa's progress, due to Helen, but Helen never made me feel stupid. She just very kindly showed my how to guide the Lhasa. Helen later showed me how to get my greyhound to sit in 2004, and my greyhound became famous as among the first to sit on command in her adoption group. Helen Marie was the consummate dog trainer/whisperer/scholar and a lovely person as well. I'll miss you, Helen Marie Capps.*

**Cynthia Ruff** - August 23, 2016 at 12:37 AM