



Helen M. Estes

September 27, 1932 - December 6, 2017

Helen M. Estes of Benicia passed away Wednesday in a local hospital following a brief illness. She was born in St. Louis, Missouri and has called Benicia her home since 1973. Helen has been co-owner and operator of Metropolitan Moving & Storage since 1968.

Helen was active in many local organizations including the Benicia Community Action Council (CAC), the Benicia Soroptimist and the Salvation Army. She was on the board of the Benicia CAC, Sutter Solano Foundation as well as being appointed by Supervisor John Silva to the Area Agency Council on Aging Meals on Wheels. She was on the Fundraising Committee for the Benicia CAC spending her time at many events selling teriyaki chicken or catfish in the park or on First Street with Viola Robertson and later organized the Annual Fashion Show which benefits the Benicia CAC and Senior Meals Program. Though her preference was to work unnoticed she was elected Human Service Fund "Woman of the Year", this year the Soroptimist honored her with their Ruby Award and she was a Honorary Board Member for the Benicia CAC. Helen was a single mother raising her five children, but always opened her heart and home to her extended family which included her children's brothers, sister and friends. She was also a pioneer in the moving industry, being the first female Estimator in the 13 western states. Helen also was of a fan of the St. Louis Cardinals.

She was preceded in death by her Foster Parents William and Grace Witt, her brothers Jack Hogan, Gordon Hogan and John McNamara. She is survived by her daughters Donna Reynolds and Denise (Mark) Paulley; sons Don (Norma) Paulley, Dennis (Cecilia) Paulley and Steve Johnson; stepdaughters Vicki Foster and Michelle Estes; niece Laura (Eddie) Hogan, nephews John McNamara and Steven Hogan, 15 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, friends and extended family. She will be missed by her children and all who were touched by her generosity of spirit, her love, humor and outspoken ways.

Memorial services will be held 1:00 p.m., Friday, December 15th at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel followed by a celebration of Life at the Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.. Helen had one final requested for all those who would like to donate, please donate to the Benicia CAC and yes Vi, this is my final fundraiser!

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 15. 1:00 PM (PT)

Passalacqua Funeral Chapel

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Tribute Wall



“ *Helen M. Estes*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *I'm sorry to hear this. Helen was a good friend of my moms. She was such a nice and thoughtful person. My condolences to Helen's family. Helen will be missed by many, but never forgotten. R.I.P. Helen!*



Tiffany - December 19, 2017 at 01:41 AM



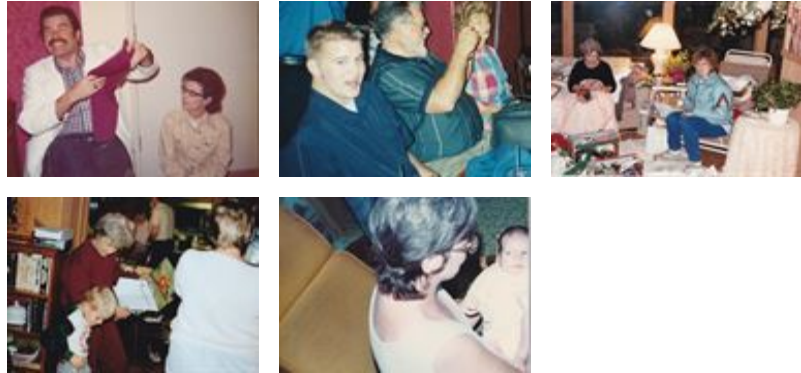
“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Helen M. Estes.*



December 14, 2017 at 06:39 PM



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“ John McNamara purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Helen M. Estes.



John McNamara - December 14, 2017 at 11:43 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Helen M. Estes.



December 13, 2017 at 05:28 PM



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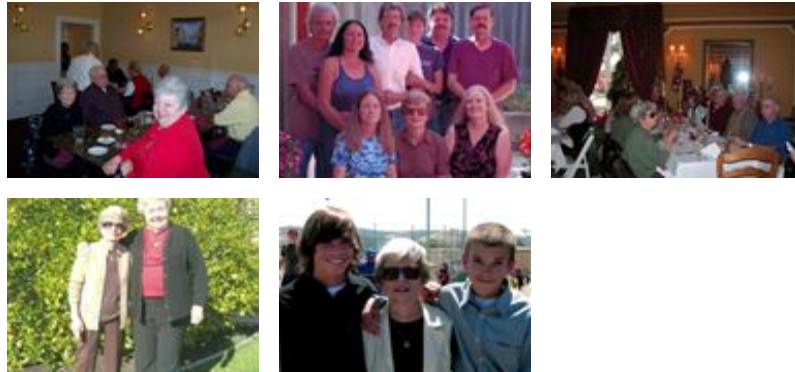
“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen M. Estes.



December 13, 2017 at 04:42 PM



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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Helen M. Estes.



December 12, 2017 at 06:11 PM



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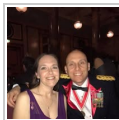


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“ I have known Helen for 42 years. She is one of the best people I have ever known. I will miss hearing my phone telling me I have a call from Helen. It's like I have lost another mom. Rest In Peace.

Julie Skaggs - December 09, 2017 at 01:53 PM



Helen was an amazing women who will be missed. She left a positive impact on everything and anyone she came in contact with. Rest In Peace Aunt Helen. John McNamara

John McNamara - December 11, 2017 at 03:36 PM