



Helen E. Harris

July 5, 1915 - September 2, 2009

Helen E. (Sigler) Harris, 94, of Toledo, passed away Wednesday, September 2, 2009, at her home, at Avalon Assisted Living. She was born July 5, 1915, in Toledo and was the daughter of William and Anna Jaquillard. Helen raised and cared for over 400 foster children throughout her life. She was a member of the Dwelling Place and was a Sunday School teacher. The widow of Clarence Sigler and Brent Harris, Helen is survived by her daughters, Beverly (James) Lemerand and Joann E. DeLong; son, Jack Sigler; 6 grandsons and 6 great-grandchildren. Also surviving is her sister, Lila Seymour and brother, Elton Jaquillard. Friends are invited to visit from 2-8 p.m. Friday, in the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue, (between Douglas and Secor Roads). Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, at The Dwelling Place, (Angola and Albon Roads) in Holland, OH. Reverend Barry Neils will officiate. Interment will be in Ottawa Hills Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to ProMedica Hospice. I'm not afraid to pass away, because I know my Lord is near, to lead me with a tender hand, as I walk the golden stairs. I'm not afraid to pass away, because my Lord has promised me, he'll take me to His heavenly home there to spend eternity.

Tribute Wall

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“ I find it interesting to see no posted memories by and of other 400 children that this woman damaged. This is not a harangue, this is "speaking truth to power." Her physical and psychological capacity to injure so many children for so long. My co-hort from about 1962 to 1970: Joann, Jimmy & Carolyn, Ethel Mae, Helen and Rose, so many others whose faces and experiences I remember but, names have slipped my mind. After years of thought and therapy that any of us survived or even thrived is a testament to our strength as a species. I was out before the onset of my adolescence and as I was "boarded there and not a ward of the court" was lucky. I think the most damaging aspects of "her care" was the torture of her statements about our families after their visits and the use of religion to keep us in fear. I was relieved to hear she had finally been found out by the the Department of Children and Families after one of my foster sisters went to school with damaged skin on her legs from being beaten.



Victoria Riley-Pach - May 03, 2025 at 03:33 AM

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“ To the family of a great lady I ask Gods blessings and peace on you. I am so sorry I just heard of this. I am Linda Brents nice. I grew to love aunt Helen a lot over the years. After Uncle Brent died we still stayed in touch till she moved from Central. Then I lost her. I sent a Christmas Card but it was returned. I wil never forget her and as she has been since I lost touch of her missed greatly and loved. My prayers go out to you all. I only wish I had known before it was too late, Linda

Linda Pioterek - proverbs35678@msn.com proverbs35678@msn.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ We remember you in love and also asking the Lord that He will provide his divine comfort that only He can give. With our love Roberto and Dina

Roberto and Dina Abadal - www.delmar1999@verizon.net www.delmar1999@verizon.net - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ To Beverly and Jim, Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. The Inmate Services Staff, LCCC

Lucas County Sheriff's Office - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Lila, Prayers are going out to you and the families for the loss of Helen. Remember the good ole times we use to have. Many laughs, jokes and fun we all had at church.

Duane & Carol - dchane60@msn.com dchane60@msn.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of this wonderful lady. I did not get the chance to know her(I only met her once) but my mom and my aunt where among those children that she cared for. And I know that she had a hand in making my mom and my aunt the wonderful women they are today. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family and all those that she touched throughout her life. She will be greatly missed and was loved.

Mary Thomas - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM