



Helene B. Gagnon

December 17, 1915 - February 14, 2015

LEWISTON - Helene was born in Caraquet N.B. December 17th 1915. The daughter of the late John and Clara (Poirier) Boudreau, the middle of three children. She attended local schools in N.B. went to Normal School and became a teacher. In 1936, she emigrated with her sister Florentine and became a citizen.

In 1941, she met the love of her life and married him on a bet. The one dollar bet was that she would not marry before the end of the year. She won the bet and they were married on Dec 27th 1942. They were happily married for 68 years until his death in 2010. She traveled extensively while her husband was training to be a pilot in WWII. Having the benefit of airline discounts, she also traveled extensively to many countries doing the now famous round the world trip

She was a member of Holy Cross Parish and a member of St Anne's sodality.

Upon arriving into the United States, she worked as a fancy stitcher in local shoe shops. She worked at WARD BROS in the mailing department, taught school at Holy Cross School and St. Dominic's High School.

Helene leaves her son, Paul E. Gagnon of Boynton Beach Florida, her daughter Claire Braida and her husband Garrett J of Midway Utah, her granddaughter Nicole Carollo and husband Matthiew also of Midway Utah, and great grandson, William and great granddaughter Brooke. A very special niece, Patricia Zebley and her husband Michael of Lewiston, and their son John. Patricia was at her side practically every day and tended to her needs and wishes and read her passages from the Bible which she enjoyed very much Helene also leaves many nieces and nephews in Lewiston.

She lived independently at St Mary's Residences until a heart attack made it difficult for her to stay there. She then moved to Montello Manor and thought it was the best place on earth. She was very happy there and we thank them for all the care and kindness they gave her.

She loved her independence and kept herself busy doing cross word puzzles, solitaire and watching EWTN and FOX news. She always had a song in her heart and could be heard in the halls of Montello singing "Show me the way to go home". She has now found her home. She had a deep faith in God and had a deep devotion to the Blessed Mother. Because of hardships in the family, she was raised by her grandparents and by the nuns

in a convent. As a result of the circumstances, she was a very strong individual and never complained. She always looked at the bright side of things.

In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by her dear husband, Laurent, her sister Florentine and her brother-in-law Roger Turgeon and her older brother Egbert.

GAGNON died in Lewiston, Mrs. Helene B. Gagnon

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated THURSDAY Feb 19th., 1:00PM at Holy Cross Church Lisbon St., Lewiston.

Burial will be held later in the Spring at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to St Martin de Porres Residence for the homeless. PO box 7227, Lewiston Maine 04243 would be greatly appreciated.

Family and friends are invited to visit Wednesday February 18th 5-7PM and Thursday February 19th beginning 11:00AM prior to Mass at PINETTE DILLINGHAM AND LYNCH FUNERAL HOME 305 Alfred Plourde Parkway, Lewiston, 784-4023