# Helen E. Torelli

August 25, 1933 - January 13, 2022

Helen Elizabeth Torelli (Morgan) passed away peacefully on January 13, 2022. Helen, the oldest of eight, was born in Philadelphia, PA in 1933 and spent the first 10 years of her life in Clifton Heights, PA. Her parents moved to the Essington area in 1943 as both of her parents were employed by Sun Ship to help with the war effort. Helen graduated from Ridley High School in 1951 and returned to Clifton Heights in 1954, where shortly thereafter, she met the love of her life, Tony Torelli. Helen and Tony were married in 1957 and raised 5 children in their modest 1,100 square foot home on Oak Avenue. Life with the Torellis was always about family. Every Sunday, Helen would prepare a traditional Italian meal of spaghetti and meatballs and would have up to 25 people there (guests always welcome). Of course, things stopped at 4pm for happy hour, Helen with her glass of paisano wine and Tony with his Manhattan. Helen was a loving mom and wife and taught her family the importance of empathy and treating everyone with respect. Helen was a great listener and was always truly happy for other peoples' success. She never shied away from trying new things and embracing current trends. She loved to dance, travel, and was a talented artist. She was the most amazing cook and a talented seamstress. She joined the YMCA in her 60s and was a regular there well into her 80s. Helen organized an annual luncheon at the Y, which became one of the most sought after invitations of the year. Helen passed along family news and events faster than the internet and was the glue that held her family together. In the era of powerful and inspirational women, there

was no one more inspirational than Helen. We honor Helen by being great people, loving fiercely, and truly living life to the fullest.
Helen is survived by her children: Elizabeth, aka Betty Lou (Dave) Douglas, Eileen (Jack) Dowrick, Anthony (Desiree) Torelli, Joe (Theresa) Torelli, and Michele (Keith) Dowling, in addition to 12 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters Frances Brosko and Diane Ciavarelli, and brother George Morgan. She was predeceased by her husband, Tony (2019), parents George and Helen Morgan, brother Billy, and sisters Mary Lou, Patsy, and Margaret.

Visitation: Thursday 9:30 am Holy Cross Church 651 E. Springfield Rd. Springfield, PA 19064.

Funeral Mass: Thursday 10:30 am at Holy Cross Church

Interment: SS. Peter & Paul Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, or the Clifton Heights Police Vest Fund, 30 S. Springfield Road, Clifton Heights, PA 19018.

# Cemetery Details

### SS. Peter & Paul Cemetery

1600 Sproul Road
Springfield, PA 19064

# Previous Events

### Visitation

JAN **20**. 9:30 AM (ET)

Holy Cross Church
651 E. Springfield Road
Springfield, PA 19064

### Service

JAN **20**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

*Lombardo Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen E. Torelli*

**Lombardo Funeral Homes** - January 19, 2022 at 02:45 PM

*Helen E. Torelli*

October 22, 2023 at 05:57 PM

CD

*1 file added to the album Memories Album*

**Carole Dowling** - January 19, 2022 at 01:11 PM

*86 files added to the album LifeTributes*

**Lombardo Funeral Homes** - January 19, 2022 at 12:39 PM

*Graceful Wreath was purchased for the family of Helen E. Torelli.*

January 19, 2022 at 10:39 AM

AF

*Antonietta, Rosanna, Lucio and Families purchased the California Grandeur Wine and Go urmet Gift Basket for the family of Helen E. Torelli.*

**Antonietta, Rosanna, Lucio and Families** - January 18, 2022 at 07:36 PM

RC

*Beautiful Torelli Familes*

*We share in your sadness at the loss of the amazing Helen! She will be sadly missed but fondly remembered. Her love, honesty, humour and strength was shared with all. We are so very grateful to have had the opportunity to spend some time with you all during our travels. Tony and Helen' s time in Australia brings back some very fond memories. I have no doubt they are now kicking up their feet and toasting to the success of having raised a beautiful family. May their love continue to shine in all of you. You are in our hearts, Hugs and love to you all.*
*Antonietta, Aldo, Rosanna and Families, Lucio, Catalina and Family xx*

**Rosanna Castellana** - January 18, 2022 at 07:31 PM

CD

*We first met Helen and Tony 21 years ago when our kids were planning their wedding. Frank and I truly enjoyed their company over the years at many family events. I was drawn to Helen's zest for life, boundless energy, openness, directness, and mostly her enduring love and dedication to her precious family. It was awe-inspiring!*
*Helen was an entertaining storyteller, and I could have listened to her stories of family and friends for hours! Our last time together was quite a gift: four days of fun and laughter on the occasion of our granddaughter's high school graduation. I will always remember the laughs we shared as the invading cicadas entertained us!*
*If I could say one last thing to Helen it would be "Thanks for the memories, Helen, and thanks for Michele."*
*Rest in peace.*
*Love,*
*Carole and Frank Dowling*

**Carole Dowling** - January 18, 2022 at 03:09 PM

*Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Helen E. Torelli.*

January 18, 2022 at 01:25 AM

*Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Helen E. Torelli.*

January 17, 2022 at 06:21 PM

HK

*So saddened by the passing of my cousin Helen. Sincere sympathy to her “sibs” George, Francis and Diane and her children and grandchildren. I can still see the picture of the forest princess hanging over the art room door in Ridley Park High School and her painting materials in the attic of the Maple Terrace homestead. She was a lovely, lovely lady and will be sorely missed by all who knew her. Rest In Peace.*

**Harry Kissinger** - January 17, 2022 at 04:28 PM

*Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Helen E. Torelli.*

January 17, 2022 at 11:41 AM

WJ

*Aunt Helen,*

*I cannot find the words to express my sadness. You and Uncle Tony will always be in my heart next to the many family memories of you and Uncle Tony over the years. After I lost my Mom, you were like a second Mom to me and, for that, I'll be forever grateful. I'll miss our visits and phone conversations, but mostly I will miss my favorite Aunt who was a kind, loving and wonderful lady.*

*May you rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon you now and forever... Amen.*

*Love,*

*Nephew Bill*

**William J Torelli Jr** - January 17, 2022 at 11:26 AM

*Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen E. Torelli.*

January 16, 2022 at 06:25 PM

GM

*Mrs. Torelli was the best, such a nice lady,with a little bit of devil in her eyes 🥹 Rest easy Mrs. Torelli 🙏💙*

*Gerri McDevitt*

**gerri mcdevitt** - January 15, 2022 at 05:29 PM

*Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Helen E. Torelli.*

January 15, 2022 at 01:13 PM

JG

*Betty Lou and Eileen and Family,*

*I was sorry to read of your mother's passing. I pray that the end of her earthly journey was peaceful and that happy memories sustain you.*

*Judie Grace*

**Judie Grace** - January 15, 2022 at 09:33 AM

KA

*A strong, vibrant woman with a great sense of humor and a zest for life is how I will always remember her! I wish I could be there to celebrate her life in person, but you all will be in my thoughts. Hugs! ~Kathy Andrews*

**Kathy Andrews** - January 15, 2022 at 09:33 AM

*Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen E. Torelli.*

January 14, 2022 at 10:00 PM

RM

*I will always Remember how funny you were. Even tho we haven't seen each other for a little while. You are always in My Heart, say Hi to Mom for Me*

**Robin Morgan** - January 14, 2022 at 08:33 PM

*Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Helen E. Torelli.*

January 14, 2022 at 06:27 PM