



## Helen B Keitchen

February 4, 1926 - October 16, 2020

Helen Biebrich Keitchen, 94, of Traverse City, passed away on October 16, 2020. Helen was born February 4, 1926 in Lansing, Michigan to the late William and Amelia (Heise) Biebrich. She graduated from Eastern High School where she met the love of her life, Robert (Bob) Keitchen, her husband of sixty-four years.

A lifelong learner, she was naturally curious about people and almost everything. Her inquisitive spirit led her to many interests, including: oil painting, gardening, reading, boating, and Stitchers Club. She and Bob were members of Central United Methodist Church in Traverse City (T.C.). They retired on Lake Leelanau; later, building a home in T.C. for their final years. Helen treasured and stayed in touch with many friends. As she reflected on her life, she made clear that her role as wife, mother, and grandmother brought her the most joy.

She is survived by children, Kathleen Lockhart, Michael (Patricia) Keitchen, and Todd (Lou Ann) Keitchen; grandchildren, James (Cheryl) Lockhart, Casey (Chi) Keitchen, Kaylee and Cody Keitchen. Helen was preceded in death by Robert; son-in-law, Scott Lockhart; sisters, Ruth Buck and Margaret Wagner; brother, Emil Hein and infant brothers, William Hein and Donald Biebrich.

A private family memorial will be held at a later time. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Helen's name may be given to: <https://www.tadl.org/donate/> or Friends of Traverse Area District Library, 610 Woodmere Avenue, Traverse City, MI 49686

Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Share your memories and condolences online at [www.holihanatkin.com](http://www.holihanatkin.com)

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“ Helen had the best stories from when she was younger. She told me so many! She was always making sure everyone around her was okay. she cared! her paintings were beautiful as well

**Chloe Willobee** - December 29, 2020 at 11:20 PM

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“ I was Helens caregiver at her nursing home. She was the sweetest lady. I'd sit with her and ask her stories and she's tell me the best stuff! She was always talking about something I miss her

**chloe willobee** - December 29, 2020 at 11:15 PM

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