



Helen B. Holihan

April 17, 1923 - December 7, 2010

HOLIHAN , HELEN B. Grand Ledge Age 87, passed away peacefully at her home Dec. 7, 2010. Helen was born April 17, 1923 in Beaverton, MI to the late Gaylord and Wilma (Moses) Paxton. Like her mother and granddaughter Andrea, Helen graduated valedictorian from Coleman High School. She married Neil Holihan April 26, 1958. For over 50 years, she dedicated her life, many talents, and gracious spirit, to making her community of Grand Ledge, Michigan a more beautiful, and interesting place to live, work, and visit. Her leadership and tireless involvement in organizations including ABC Club, Garden Club, Historical Society, Library, Chamber of Commerce (Athena award recipient), Opera House, Ledge Craft Lane in addition to her work at Doty Insurance Agency and Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home touched many lives and created many dear friendships. She was an avid reader, talented cook, and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She is survived by her loving family: daughter, Lou Ellen Rease of Coleman, son Mark (Barbara) Holihan of Roswell, GA, grandchildren, Mark Joseph Jr., Amanda, Christian, Jennifer, Andrea, Andrew, Jory, and Melinda, great grandchildren, Chloe, Alora, Colin, and Eva, brother Richard (Kate) Paxton of Coleman, and sisters, Mary (Don) Huber of Gladwin, and Lucille (Vernell) Sentz of Coleman, several nieces, nephews, and cousins. She is preceded in death by husband Neil, son Michael, daughter-in-law Connie, and brother Tom Paxton. A funeral service will be held Saturday, December 11, 2010, 11:00am at St. Michael Catholic Church, Rev. Fr. James Eisele officiating. Interment will follow at Oakwood

Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday 2-8pm at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home Grand Ledge. Memorial contributions may be made to Grand Ledge Area Historical Society (Museum) P.O. Box 203 Grand Ledge, MI 48837 or Friends of Grand Ledge Area District Library 316 Taylor St. Grand Ledge, MI 48837.

Tribute Wall



“ Marty and I are very saddened to loose a wonderful cousin, our prayers are for our other family members.##imported-begin##Dick A. Holihan Sr.##imported-end##

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“ I was in Helen's pinochle card club and we had such fun. Dorothy Thomas and Sue Lusty are my neighbors and they introduced me to Helen. She was such a nice lady and we know she will be missed.Sincerely,Susan Wieferich##imported-begin##Susan Wieferich##imported-end##

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“ I am sorry that i could not attend the funeral for Helen due to a family committment so I wanted to send a small note with my sympathies and a memory. I knew Helen through my mother, Nancy Block. Helen always helped us at the Victorian Tea in Grand Ledge by pouring tea and bringing these wonderful ginger snap cookies. We will truly miss her next year at the tea. My sincere condolences on your loss of such a great lady.##imported-begin##Amy (Block) Hoeksema##imported-end##

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