



Helen Gossen Arsement

August 14, 1936 - September 4, 2024

Helen Marie Gossen Arsement Obituary

Funeral services will be held on Monday, September 9, 2024 at a 2:00 PM Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rayne, LA for Helen Marie Gossen Arsement, 88, who entered eternal rest on Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at her residence in Rayne. Interment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery #2 in Rayne. Fr. Connor Poirrier, Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph Catholic Church will be the Celebrant of the Funeral Mass.

The family requests that visitation be observed at Gossen Funeral Home, Rayne LA on Monday September 9, 2024 from 9:00 AM until time of service at 2:00 PM with a recitation of the Rosary at 11:00 AM.

Helen was born in Rayne, LA on August 14, 1936. She attended St. Joseph High School in Rayne graduating in 1954 and then attended Sacred Heart College in Grand Coteau for two years. She married Clarence Arsement in 1956 and became a homemaker and stay at home mother raising her seven children. She was a devoted and active Catholic her entire life and even as her memory began to fade she could still recite the many prayers she learned from her Catholic education in her youth. She had a sense of humor, loved a good joke and was able to tell a good joke as well. She gained acclaim as a Cajun comedian, appeared at events in costume telling her repertoire of jokes

to the laughter of all who were in attendance and even won first place in a Cajun joke telling contest. She was a very competitive person and did not like to lose whether it was a game she was participating in or in rooting for her favorite team in a sports match. Never a person to put on airs, she was comfortable being who she was, what you saw is what you got, and, she was loved by all who knew her.

In their retirement years Helen and Clarence enjoyed traveling in their RV to destinations throughout the United States and Canada. In 2007 she and Clarence traveled to Europe with one of their sons and daughter-in-law and visited the villages of Gangelt and Schierwaldenrath, Germany where her paternal grandparents were born and raised before immigrating to the U.S. with their families and settling in Roberts Cove. They visited many sites in Germany, Belgium and France including Paris, Munich, WWII battlefields and monuments, attending Mass in Notre Dame Cathedral, etc. and she reminisced often on the fond memories she had from the trip.

Helen was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 65 years, Clarence Arsement, her parents, Nicholas Joseph Gossen and Marie Bollich Gossen as well as five of her six siblings.

Left behind to cherish her memory are her seven children, Christopher Arsement and wife Suzie, Robert Arsement and wife, Janet, Monica Arsement, Karen Collier and husband James, Frederick Arsement and wife Rochelle, Stephen Arsement and wife Ella, Clarence "Chuck" Arsement, Jr. and wife Joan, her sister Catherine Cramer, 17 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to those who helped make her comfortable during the final chapter of her life including Tammy, Eva, Raylyn and her hospice nurse Jamie. Helen's five sons would also like to

express their sincere gratitude to their sister Monica who lived with her and attended to her in her final years thus making it possible for her to remain in her home...something she dearly wanted. Monica was regularly assisted by her sister Karen in giving care to their mother and her devotion and efforts are also recognized with gratitude.

Pallbearers will be Jared Arsement, Beau Johnson, Parker Patin, Justin Arsement, Jordan Bazile, and Matthew Arsement.

Memorial contributions in Helen's name can be made to Hospice of Acadiana, www.hospiceacadiana.com.

Friends may view the obituary and guestbook online at www.gossenfuneralhome.net.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Gossen Funeral Home, Inc., Rayne LA.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery #2

400 East Betty Street
Rayne, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 9. 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Gossen Funeral Home Inc.
504 N. Polk Street
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Rosary

SEP 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Mass

SEP 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
401 S. Adams Ave.
Rayne, LA 70578

Tribute Wall



“ *Gossen Funeral Home Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen Gossen Arsement*



Gossen Funeral Home Inc. - September 06, 2024 at 12:42 PM

RM

“ *Ronnie Myers lit a candle in memory of Helen Gossen Arsement*



Ronnie Myers - September 07, 2024 at 12:14 PM

ST

“ *Mrs. Helen is my cousin's Husband 's mother all though I haven't met her she raised a wonderful son !!!! My deepest condolences for the family!!!! They have suffered a great loss I heard she was a wonderful woman!!!! 🥹*



Shontell Lynn Toups - September 06, 2024 at 08:17 PM



“ *Sincere condolences to the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of this dear lady. May all your happy memories soon bring you comfort. Love and prayers, Roy and Lily Cosse'*

Lily Cossé - September 06, 2024 at 01:33 PM

AR

“ *My sweet nanny, Aunt Helen, was a beautiful and joyous person inside and out. She was a wonderful and loving Godmother and I will always cherish the fond memories I have spending time with her as both a child and an adult. Nanny's pear preserves were my favorite; I remember helping pick the pears from her trees and her teaching me how to make them and how delicious they tasted! My deep condolences, prayers and love go out to all of the family.*

Anette Roberts - September 06, 2024 at 11:25 AM

KB

“ *Please accept my sincere condolences and I am so sorry for your loss. I met Mrs. Helen over 20 years ago when I became friends with Fred and Rochelle. I instantly grew to like and love her spunky personality. She will be forever remembered in our hearts. May she rest in enteral peace with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I pray a prayer of pure peace over her children and many family members.*

*Love you all.....
Keyre' Reed Bradford*

Keyre' Reed Bradford - September 06, 2024 at 08:09 AM

BF

“ *May she rest in peace...*



Brenda Francis(RHS) - September 06, 2024 at 01:48 AM

CB

“ *Please accept my condolences for your loss. I first met Helen 15 years ago. It did not take me long to realize she was a special lady. Through the years our friendship blossomed. I always admired her for her strong faith. And, for her love of family. She will be missed by all those who loved her.*

Carol Butaud - September 06, 2024 at 01:17 AM

LJ

“ *My condolences to the Arsement family. I have many fond memories of time spent with Helen and Clarence. But what I will always remember is the love and friendship Helen afforded my then wife, Connie, and my children while I spent a year in Vietnam. Connie and my children lived only a block away and they could not have been in more loving and caring hands. Helen was a very special lady. And I cherish the time we spent together.*



Louis Butaud, Jr - September 06, 2024 at 12:46 AM

EM

“ Eddie Meche lit a candle in memory of Helen Gossen Arsement



Eddie Meche - September 05, 2024 at 08:09 PM

MC

“ Sending my deepest condolences to all of the Arsement siblings. My mother, Audrey Mier Darcé, went to school with Ms. Helen and she and my dad, Richard considered them dear friends. I will always remember Ms. Helen fondly, especially her sense of humor. I wish you all comfort and peace.

Michele Darcé Conroy - September 05, 2024 at 07:14 PM

DC

“ Daphne Comeaux lit a candle in memory of Helen Gossen Arsement



Daphne Comeaux - September 05, 2024 at 06:23 PM

MD

“ I remember Ms Helen well as one of the instructors when I went through the RCIA program at St. Joseph in 1993-94. She was such a sweet, gentle person. Later, I met her daughter in law, Ella while doing volunteer work for my kids' school. My condolences to the entire family. Surely she has arrived at the destination she taught us about so well.

Mona Venable Doucet - September 05, 2024 at 04:00 PM

RG

“ *Renee Gossen lit a candle in memory of Helen Gossen Arsement*



Renee gossen - September 05, 2024 at 03:50 PM

MS

“ *Marla Butaud Simmons lit a candle in memory of Helen Gossen Arsement*



Marla Butaud Simmons - September 05, 2024 at 03:09 PM

JL

My sympathy to the family of a fellow Carmelite who she and hubby Clarence were such a great couple. Helen and I played basketball at St Joseph High School and were a winning team with a whistle signaling teammates “here I am throw me the ball” she was younger but her brother Robert was my classmate. Condolences to the entire family

Jeanette Guidry Leger - September 06, 2024 at 09:26 AM