



Helen M. Risser

March 1, 1932 - August 14, 2025

Helen Mae DeVerter Risser, 93, of Lancaster, passed away on Thursday, August 14, 2025. She was the wife of the late John R. Risser, who passed away in 2004. Born in Lancaster, she was the daughter of the late Richard and Mildred Morrison DeVerter.

She is survived by her sons Stephen Risser (Lainey), Ephrata, Patrick Risser (Nancy), Mount Joy, and Andrew (Jamie), Nelsonville, Ohio. Also surviving are 6 grandchildren, Lauren (Daniel) Murphy of Manheim, Calin Risser, Mount Joy, Natalie Risser (Delaney), Philadelphia, Josie Risser, Omaha Nebraska, Donald Risser, Ohio and Raquel Gallagher. 2 Great grandchildren, Decker and Dylan Murphy. 2 step grandchildren, Joel and Kristen Antrim. 3 step great grandchildren, Kylee, Hannah, and Seth.

She was preceded in death by her 4 siblings; Dolores Derr, Richard DeVerter, Barbara Rote, and Leslie Labiak.

She was devoted to her family and supported their activities. She worked at Lancaster Newspapers into her 70s. She was full of energy and always willing to help others. She was recently referred to as “helping hands”.

The family would like to thank the staff at Fairmount Homes in Ephrata for the care that was given to Helen.

Services will be held privately and at the convenience of the family. Interment will be in Conestoga Memorial Park. To send an online condolence, please visit [www. Sheetzfuneralhome.com](http://www.Sheetzfuneralhome.com).

If desired, contributions can be made to www.Deckersblueprint.org, “Building

a Foundation to End Muscular Dystrophy”.

Tribute Wall

PM

“Helen was such a wonderful person. She was so kind and caring. She was always in a good mood. I loved hearing about what her and her husband did in their younger years. They would love to go dancing. I missed her after she moved from Union St, She was a lovely lady. Paula Manchak

Paula Manchak - August 19, 2025 at 10:13 PM

CM

“I have such fond memories of staying with Uncle Dick and Aunt Mildred over the Christmas holidays in their Lititz Apt. in the 1950's. Helen was a very kind and caring person to all. We were also happy to see her at the reunions in our home in Landisville. I would greatly value any Deverter presence at our Masonic Village home to share memories. Cousins Dd and Jim are fine. When I became a Master Mason I thought of both Uncle Dick and Aunt Mildred as she was a leader in the Easter Star. 898-6211 and dmorrison3091@comcast.net If there is anything I can do other than visit GKH, please call.

Cousin Dave Morrison - August 19, 2025 at 01:44 PM

RD

“Aunt Helen was such a loving presence throughout my life, and I am so fortunate to have had her influence.

Richard Jan Derr - August 17, 2025 at 06:46 PM

DB

“Just saw that cousin Helen passed. She was a wonderful cousin. I was very blessed to join with her and sisters Dee, and Leslie for cousin weekends. Great times in old age! Hoping we four will join up again on the other side.

Donna Beaver - August 17, 2025 at 10:37 AM

LB

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Helen's passing. She was a good friend...a very caring person. Union Street missed her when she left. I'm going to miss her phone calls. She was a very caring person.*

Linta C Baldwin - August 17, 2025 at 10:36 AM