



Helen Sheltz Raia

September 7, 1920 - March 8, 2016

Helen Sheltz Raia was born in Houston September 7, 1920 and died March 8, 2016. She was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel E. Raia; her parents, Robert Perry and May Milhomme Sheltz; sons John Charles Raia and Daniel Thomas Raia; sister Irene Tamborello; brothers George Sheltz and Robert Sheltz. She is survived by five children and their spouses: Antoinette (Toni) R. Spigelmyer Biggs and John, Sugar Land, TX; Samuel P. Raia and Sue, Eden Prairie, MN; Marianne R. McGill and Ralph, Farragut, TN; Joseph P. Raia and Earline, Houston; and Joan R. Singer and Larry, Cypress, TX. Also, grandchildren Paul Fruia (Kelly), Sugar Land, TX; Perry Fruia, Houston; Troy Fruia, Houston; Ali Spigelmyer Elliott, New Waverly, TX; Natalie Pettegrew (Justin), Rome, GA; Tim Raia, Robbinsdale, MN; Nick Raia (Kari), Minneapolis, MN; Cathryn Raia, Minneapolis, MN; Norman McGill (India) Seattle, WA; Kimberly Pratt (Jason), Kingsport, TN; The Reverend Jonathan Raia, Austin, TX; Michael Raia, Austin, TX; David Weeks, Conroe, TX; Rodney Singer, Cypress, TX; Leah Weeks, NY, NY; 15 great-grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren, her sister, Adrienne Bernard, Baytown, TX; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The Raia family will be present to receive friends Thursday, March 10, 2016 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM with a Vigil Service beginning at 7:00 PM at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77079. A Mass of Christian Burial, celebrated by her grandson, The Reverend Jonathan Raia,

will held Friday, March 11, 2016 at 10:30 AM at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston, TX 77079. Mrs. Raia will be laid to rest in Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery. Pallbearers are her grandsons: Paul Fruia, Perry Fruia, Troy Fruia, Tim Raia, Nick Raia, Norman McGill, Michael Raia, David Weeks, and Rodney Singer. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org, the National Breast Cancer Foundation at www.nationalbreastcancer.org, the P.E.O Foundation for Chapter BB, Houston at www.peointernational.org/peo-foundation .

Cemetery Details

Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery

6900 Lawndale
Houston, TX 77023

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
david@dettlingfuneral.com

Vigil/Rosary

MAR 10. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

MAR 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Houston, TX 77079

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Sheltz Raia*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Helen Sheltz Raia*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Helen Sheltz Raia*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Helen Sheltz Raia*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *May the loving God of the Holy Bible give you comfort and peace at this difficult time at Jeremiah 29:11-13.*

M.H. - March 15, 2016 at 03:30 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Helen Sheltz Raia.*



March 10, 2016 at 10:53 AM



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Dettling Funeral Home - March 09, 2016 at 04:49 PM



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“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Helen Sheltz Raia*.



March 09, 2016 at 10:28 AM