



Helen C. Riquelmy

September 12, 1930 - November 21, 2017

Helen (Eleni) Riquelmy, 87, passed away Tuesday, November 21, 2017. Mrs. Riquelmy was born September 12, 1930, in Athens, Greece to Panayotis and Christina Ktena. Helen is preceded in death by her husband, Charles E. Riquelmy, her parents, and her brother Spyros, and is survived by her children, Christina Riquelmy of Baton Rouge, LA and Edward Riquelmy of Grapevine, TX. She is also survived by her goddaughter Despina Savvaki and her family in Greece.

Helen was raised in Athens, Greece. As a young woman, she was active in the Greek YWCA and Girl Scouts, as well as a dance group that performed traditional Greek folk dances. She also studied classical piano. In 1953-54, she spent one academic year in the United States after earning a Fulbright Scholarship, attending Trenton State Teachers College (now Trenton State Univ.), in Trenton, NJ. Upon returning to Greece she worked as a nursery school teacher before marrying her husband Charles in 1958 in Athens, where he was working for an American company. Helen and Charles moved to Houston with their children in 1969 where they spent the remainder of their lives.

Mrs. Riquelmy enjoyed reading and knitting, participating in a group with friends from St. Cyril of Alexandria Catholic Church that made blankets and other items to donate to hospitals and the homeless. Her friends and family

admired and enjoyed her cooking, especially Greek food and pastries. Helen imparted to her children a love of learning and an appreciation of different cultures and religions. She was a loyal friend who never lost touch with her high school friends from Greece, and enjoyed spending time with family and friends here in Houston.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions in Helen's memory to a children's charity or educational institution of your choice.

The Riquelmy family will be present to receive friends Tuesday, November 28, 2017, from 5:00 PM until 6:00 PM with a Vigil Service beginning at 6:00 PM at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77079. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 10:30 AM at St. Cyril of Alexandria Catholic Church, 10503 Westheimer Rd., Houston, TX 77042. Mrs. Riquelmy will be laid to rest in Greenwood Cemetery, Jennings, LA later in the week.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

Roberts Ave.
Jennings, LA 70546

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 28. 5:00 AM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
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Vigil Service

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Funeral Mass

NOV **29**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Cyril Of Alexandria Catholic Church
10503 Westheimer Road
Houston, TX 77042

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen C. Riquelmy*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Helen C. Riquelmy*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Helen C. Riquelmy*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Helen C. Riquelmy*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Helen C. Riquelmy.*



November 28, 2017 at 02:22 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Helen C. Riquelmy.*



November 27, 2017 at 01:02 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Helen C. Riquelmy.*



November 26, 2017 at 05:07 PM



“ *John, Barbara, Katherina and Christopher purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Helen C. Riquelmy.*



John, Barbara, Katherina and Christopher - November 26, 2017 at 10:47 AM