



Helen Marie Rutkowski

August 13, 1930 - May 21, 2025

Helen Rutkowski, 94, died Wednesday, May 21, in Henrico County, Virginia.

She was born on August 13, 1930, in Chicago, Illinois, daughter of George and Anna

Hass. She married Edward Rutkowski on August 26, 1959, in Marinette, Wisconsin.

Ms. Rutkowski enlisted in the United States Army in 1949 and was stationed in Yokohama, Japan. She was honorably discharged in 1953. Ms. Rutkowski returned to

Marinette, Wisconsin, where she grew up, and met Edward Rutkowski, who she married

on August 26, 1959, in Marinette, Wisconsin. After their marriage, they moved to Cedar

Falls, Iowa, in 1963 when Mr. Rutkowski began teaching at the University of Northern

Iowa. While living in Cedar Falls, Helen and Edward joined St. Patrick's Church and

were faithful members. Helen also worked as a cafeteria cook at St. Patrick's School for many years.

Helen lived her life as a devoted daughter to her elderly father, a loving wife, a

supportive and caring mother, and a generous grandmother.

Survivors include her son, James and his wife, Meg of Henrico County, Virginia; and three grandchildren – John, Duncan, and Luke.

She is preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Memorial services will be 10:00 a.m. Friday, July 11, 2025, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Cedar Falls with visitation one hour prior to the service. Inurnment at Greenwood Cemetery in Cedar Falls.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

the end of College St, north of First Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 273-8628

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

Saint Patrick Catholic Church
705 Main St
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Tribute Wall



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