



Helen Bares

March 7, 1928 - June 12, 2024

Helen Bares, 96, of Mentor, passed away June 12, 2024 at Legacy of Mentor. She was born the eldest of 5 children on March 7, 1928 in East Cleveland, to the late Owen and Helen Caine. Helen lived in Wickliffe and Spring Hill, FL, before moving to Mentor in 1998.

Helen, “Tootsie” or “Grandma Darlin” as she was known to many, enjoyed raising her family and volunteering in the elementary school reading program in Wickliffe. Upon moving to Florida, she obtained her real estate license and had a successful career selling new-build homes. After her husband’s death, Helen moved back to Lake County to spend time with her family, most importantly, her grandchildren. Helen loved sleep-overs with them, as well as lunch/dinner outings and bargain hunting in local stores. Helen also volunteered with the St. Gabriel Special Education PSR.

Survivors include her children, James (Sue) Bares of Painesville, Jeff (Donna) Bares of Mentor and Karen (Rick) Prokop of Mentor; grandchildren, Frank and Greg Bares of Painesville, Kelly (Michael) Bowser of Powell, OH, Jaclyn Bares of New York, NY, Rachel Bares of Charleston, SC, Kori Prokop of Willoughby, and Alissa (Michael) Relko of Mentor; great grandsons, Carter, Austin and Troy Bowser, and brother, Owen Caine of Mentor.

Preceding Helen in death are her husband, Frank Bares, who passed in 1992;

siblings, Geraldine (Gordon) McCarter, Dorothy (Ernie) Strumbly and Richard (Sheila) Caine and sister-in-law, Harriet Caine.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Friday, June 21, 2024 at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 8650 Mentor Ave. A funeral mass will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the church. Burial to follow in Mentor Cemetery.

In honor of Helen and in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Angel Scholarship Fund - <https://www.catholiccommunity.org/>

Arrangements entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Ohio 44060.

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Cemetery Details

Mentor Cemetery

6881 Hopkins Rd.
Mentor, OH 44060

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Of The Assumption Church
8560 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3404
<https://stmarysmentor.org/>

Funeral Mass

JUN 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3404
<https://stmarysmentor.org/>

Tribute Wall

RS

“ Mrs. Bares was always such a nice lady I'm so sorry to see this my deepest condolences to the Bares Family

Ray Seymour - February 18 at 08:41 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Bares.



June 19, 2024 at 04:08 PM

SF

“ Sandy and Mike Haffey and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen Bares.

Sandy and Mike Haffey and Family - June 18, 2024 at 09:45 AM

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“ Sandy and Mike Haffey and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Helen Bares.



Sandy and Mike Haffey and Family - June 18, 2024 at 09:45 AM

PC

“ Doug, Pam and Brock Chamberlain made a donation to St. Gabriel Special Education

Pam Chamberlain - June 17, 2024 at 09:55 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Helen Bares.



June 17, 2024 at 08:38 AM

JB

“ Joe Bowser planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen Bares.

Joe Bowser - June 17, 2024 at 08:38 AM

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Kelly Bowser - June 15, 2024 at 10:34 AM

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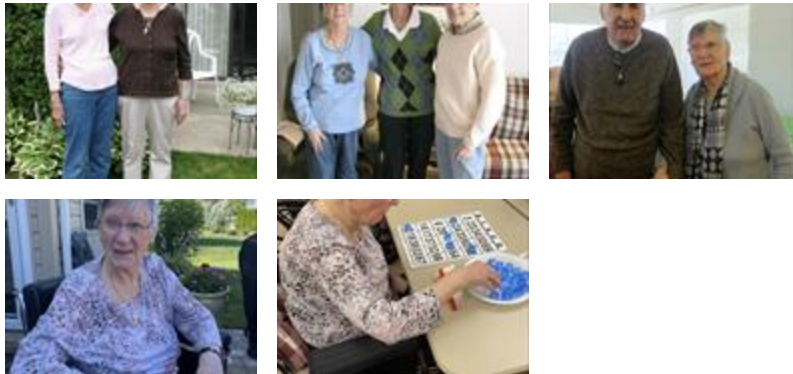
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Donna Bares - June 15, 2024 at 10:28 AM

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“ 22 files added to the album Tribute Wall



Donna Bares - June 15, 2024 at 05:25 AM

AS

“ Aunt Tootsie and my sweet grandma, Dorothy (her baby sister), on her wedding day. Amazing ladies together once again in Heaven. Wishing all of Tootsie's loved ones peace 💕💕



Amy Strumbly - June 14, 2024 at 11:21 PM



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Rachel Bares - June 14, 2024 at 04:04 PM



“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



Donna Bares - June 14, 2024 at 02:45 PM