



Helen Queisser Gardner

December 3, 2010

Helen Queisser Gardner, 66, passed away at her home in Roswell, GA November 30, 2010. She had been ill for several years from emphysema.

Helen was born June 15, 1944 in Indianapolis, IN to Arthur and Ruth Cain Queisser. She attended St. Joan of Arc Grade School, St. Agnes Academy and Butler University, all in Indianapolis. In high school, she was a cheerleader for neighboring Cathedral High School, and while at Butler served as a secretary in the athletic office for legendary coach, Tony Hinkle, a close family friend.

She worked as a server at the Melody Inn, a teacher at her old grade school, St. Joan of Arc, and lifeguard, all in Indianapolis, before starting a 37 year career in as a flight attendant for Delta Air Lines. She started her career in Chicago, but in the early 1970's moved to the Atlanta, GA area. She thoroughly enjoyed flight attending and it was a perfect job for her friendly, bubbly personality.

She married Jim Gardner, a Delta pilot, in 1976, and they had one child, Michael Gardner, born Nov. 6, 1980, who was the pride of her life. While she and Jim later divorced, they worked hard together to raise Michael, now a Marietta, GA policeman.

Helen is survived by her son, Michael, sisters - Sally Richardson, Carol Cox, and Gail (Pete) Blainey, brothers - Tom, Leo (Kathy) and Harold (Kandi) Queisser, and several nieces and nephews. She is also survived by many, many loving friends and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her parents and nephews - Michael Queisser and Shaun Queisser.

There will be two separate services, one in Marietta, GA and later one in Indianapolis. In Marietta, the visitation will be Saturday, December 4th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM followed by a memorial service at 6:00 PM at Mayes Ward Dobbins Funeral Home, 180 Church St. N.E.

In Indianapolis, the calling will be Tuesday, Dec. 7 from 10am-noon, followed by Mass of Christian Burial at noon at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 7200 Sarto Dr.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the National Law Enforcement Officers

Memorial Fund, which provides support to the families of police officers fallen in the line of duty, at www.nleomf.org.

Condolences may be made on the Mayes Ward Dobbins website – www.mayeswarddobbins.com.

Comments



“ Helen and I flew out of Ord together-and then, out of Atlanta-she was a great employee-we had so many laughs together at work. I only knew her at work-but, it was always a pleasure to see that I was going to be working a trip with Helen. She was a fine person. I am so sorry over her death. Sincerely, Katherine Willett-Ord/Atl retired Delta

katherine willett - December 25, 2010 at 02:16 PM



“ To Son Michael:

As secretary of Delta Golden Wings, Inc., a fraternal group of active and retired Delta pilots, I send on behalf of all those pilots that knew or flew with your dear mother a caring message of sympathy in your loss.

Our pilot and flight attendant crews were always the best and strived to offer the best in service to all our passengers. Helen was certainly part of those enthusiastic crews and loved her work. Michael, may God look over your police work to have a protective hand over you and may He, the Saviour of Mankind, bring into your heart the love, compassion and soothing needed to deal with your mother's passing. Let your moms' fond memories go with you each day to inspire you in everything you do - knowing that is what SHE WOULD WANT!

With fraternal sympathy,

Captain Rollin A. Jackson, Jr. (Retired) - B-767 International Captain

Delta Golden Wings, Inc. - December 25, 2010 at 09:55 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Helens Passing.Had dinner with her on our flights many times.She was wonderful to be around.She will be missed by all who touched her life.Proud to have known her and being her friend. DKM

Captain David Maskell - December 24, 2010 at 09:20 AM



“ My prayers and thoughts are with you during this time, I am so sorry for your deep loss.

I was always grateful for the Durbins, Mary Lee and Ralph they were so fabulous to me when I moved to Rushville.

Jonita Grawcock Shields - December 06, 2010 at 08:54 PM



“ Dear Quiesser "Kids"
My prayers are with you all at this sad time. I'm sure Ruth and Art were waiting for Helen with open arms and by now they are getting a heavenly party started! I am sorry I cannot be there in person as I am in Arizona for the winter but you all are in my prayers. LOVE, Carol

carol hasbrook holmes - December 06, 2010 at 08:09 PM



“ Dear Queissers, I was so saddened to hear about Helen! I remember her so well! That big laugh, that constant good nature, that friendly spirit. She was so much fun to be around! I always left her feeling better than I had felt before. Carol and Leo have those same attributes. I don't know the other siblings, but I'm inclined to think they might also be like Helen.

I'm so glad that you have each other to lean on during your grief! Please write down the good memories of Helen and share them with each other and with the cousins and her son. They will become part of her legacy. My heart goes out to each of you.

Diane Miller Alerding - December 06, 2010 at 08:00 PM



“ My most sincere sympathies to Helen's son, sisters and brothers upon her death. Helen was such a lover of life and she has left me with so many fond memories to cherish.

Valerie Klaiber Burgess - December 06, 2010 at 12:41 PM



“ Helen was a joy to fly with. She always had a smile on her face. My deepest sympathy to you in the loss of your Mom.
Jane C Smith

Jane C Smith - December 05, 2010 at 06:18 PM



“ I had many wonderful flights with Helen over the years and we loved those International flights!!!! What a wonderful Mom and great F/A. She loved her job and was so good at it! Gayle Klutts

Gayle Elder Klutts - December 05, 2010 at 05:02 PM



“ On behalf of the entire Fred Queisser family, please accept our sincere condolences on your lost.
Love,
Fred, Neil, Sheila, Brad, Steve/Claire/Gibson/Alec, Heather/Alexandra/Kathryn

The Fred Queisser Family - December 05, 2010 at 12:27 PM



“ Helen was my connection to Indy and St. Agnes Academy. She will truly be missed. Although we met at Delta, our memories of Indy were always there. Take care my friend.

Susanne Drzymala - December 05, 2010 at 05:01 AM



“ When I think of Helen so many wonderful memories of a 30 year friendship flash back. She will be with us forever.

John and Debbie Parsons - December 04, 2010 at 11:38 AM



“ We love Helen so much. See was always happy to see you, and whenever you did something for her, she always said it was too much. She would never forget your birthday. Even with all the pain she was experiencing, she never complained. We will both miss her. We know she is in the Lord's hands now.
Love, Bruce and Bea

Bruce and Bea Van Vliet - December 04, 2010 at 10:16 AM



“ My love and thoughts are with all the Queissers. Lucky for me I got to know several of you pretty well early in my dating/marriage to John. Although I did not get to know Helen, I heard about her often and know she was a big part of your lives. Loss of a sibling I am sure hurts and leaves a big void. May you find peace in great memories.

Carolyn Griffin - December 04, 2010 at 10:12 AM



“ To all the Queisser family, our Aunt, Jayne and Uncle Lou Jordan were friends of your parents. My sister, Joni and I schooled together with Helen and Leo. Our prayers and our hearts pour out to you with love and prayers. Nick

Nick Fritsch, SJA 55, CHS 59, - December 03, 2010 at 08:29 PM



“ Dear Michael, Our thoughts and prayers go out to you in this very sad time. Your Mom was a wonderful friend to us. We will miss her so much. Linda, David, Natalie, & Jason Niehaus & Family
Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help.

Linda & David Niehaus - December 03, 2010 at 12:40 PM