



Helen L. Kubico

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Helen Leah Kubico of Newark, DE, passed away in Lewes, DE on Sunday, March 13, 2011. She was 92 years old.

Born February 2, 1919 in Lowellville, OH to the late Paul and Annabel Smith, she was the youngest of three sisters. Her early years were spent in Ohio where she met and married her husband of 69 years, Michael A. Kubico (deceased). She earned degrees from the College of Wooster and Case Western Reserve (Ohio) and moved to Delaware shortly thereafter.

Helen worked first as a nurse and then as a teacher of both chemistry and biology at Newark and Thomas McKean High Schools. She received the Governor's Volunteerism Award for her work with Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research and enjoyed golfing, snorkeling, wood carving, murder mysteries, science fiction, gardening, and nature in all of its manifestations.

She is survived by two sons, Michael A. Kubico, Jr. of Jupiter, FL and Stephen B. Kubico of Dover, DE; their respective partners Elizabeth Shapiro and Trish Kubico; and two grandchildren, Stephanie N. Kubico and Samuel C. Kubico, both of Dover, DE.

Ceremonies are private. Arrangements by Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Lewes, DE.

Contributions may be made to Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research, 110 Old Possum Hollow, Newark, DE 19711.

Please review Mrs. Kubico's Life Memorial and sign her online guest book at www.parsellfuneralhomes.com.

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CM

Crorkz Matz posted:

WJziKK Thank you ever so for you blog.Much thanks again. Great.

August 3 at 8:00 PM

CM

Crorkz Matz posted:

OxliYU Hey, thanks for the article. Really Cool.

August 2 at 8:00 PM

AA

Anne Hogshead Aleman posted:

What a wonderful teacher she was. I think she was brand-new when I had her in class. I remember being amazed that she practiced drawing things at home in order to be able to draw them well on the blackboard the next day. What dedication and commitment! Then it was nice when the Kubico's bought the house next door to us.

April 5 at 8:00 PM

NC

Nancy Bonney Crissman posted:

I, too, had Mrs. Kubico as a teacher, at Newark High, for chemistry. Her obvious interest in the subject led to my initial pursuit of a chemistry major in college. I remember her as one of my best teachers.Nancy Bonney CrissmanNewark High School Class of 1961Lakeland, FL

April 5 at 8:00 PM

BB

Bill Batt posted:

She was a wonderful teacher !

April 5 at 8:00 PM

AH

April Hubbard posted:

Helen was my chemistry teacher at Newark High and one of my favorite teachers. My parents, June and Warren Anderson were friends with them at Newark Country Club and thoroughly enjoyed Mike and Helen. She was a wonderful person and a free spirit. We would chat in the later years at the Superfresh in Newark.Sincerely, April Hubbard

March 29 at 8:00 PM



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TM

Trish & Tom Mercer posted:

She was an amazing woman.

March 25 at 8:00 PM

MD

Michael R Dutton posted:

Michael and Steve, Robert H Dutton and the Dutton family were saddened to hear of Helen's passing. Please accept our sincerest condolences. No doubt that Helen Kubico and Marjorie Dutton have found a golf course and are playing a few rounds together!! Your Mother was a wonderful person, a good friend to our family, and a tremendous mentor to her many students.

March 23 at 8:00 PM

FS

Frank Shaw posted:

Helen Kubico was an inspiring and awesome teacher. She nurtured my interest in chemistry and jump-started a 50 year academic career. She and Connie Dunbar were advisors to the Chemistry Club, where many of us in the post-sputnik group broadened our interests in science and technology. She had a deep understanding of the subject and shared many interesting and informative anecdotes with her classes: taking waste sodium to the edge of Lake Michigan at night while a graduate student at Northwestern and watching the mini explosions as the waves lapped the metal fragments; the time that Michael Sr. accidentally inhaled fluorine (or hydrogen fluoride) at DuPont; the task of attaching Teflon to the frying pans. Her broader interests came into the classroom in very positive ways. From her I first learned about progressive jazz and the wonder (at that time) of music in stereo at home; Her reading of a Ray Bradbury short story about the overcrowding of heaven with soul that ended emotionally with the line "let there be light". Mrs Kubico stands out among the many excellent teachers at Newark High School, especially in the sciences, Mr. Musselman, Mrs. Dunbar, Mr. Chambers, Grayson Wheatley, and in other disciplines, Miss Weaver, Mr. Cottone, Mr. Justin. For those of us interested in the subject, she was willing to spend time taking us deeper into the intricacies and wonder of chemistry. Her inspirational teaching is a legacy that lives with many former students. The candle represents to me a flame of curiosity and desire to learn that lives on.

March 22 at 8:00 PM

MS

Margo Keeney Schaefer posted:

Hi, all, I graduated from Newark High School in 1964 and Mrs. Kubico was one of my favorite teachers, along with Trudy Weaver. She was the reason I started out the U of D as a chem major. I remember her as smart, smiling, competent and a gifted teacher.

March 22 at 8:00 PM



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LS

Lee (Barr) Sherrill posted:

I was a student of Mrs. Kubico's back in 1964-65 at Newark High. She was a really good and nice teacher and seemed to care for her students.

March 22 at 8:00 PM

JM

Jay Mahanna posted:

Mike and Steve Nancy and I are so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. She was one of our favorite people and we'll always remember her great smile and her optimistic outlook on life. She was always a delight to see and one of those people who make a difference in your life, whether as a teacher or a friend. We'll miss her.w

March 21 at 8:00 PM

CF

Carol Ewing Fretz posted:

I am a former student of Mrs. Kubico... she taught me Chemistry at McKean in the early 70's... I enjoyed her class immensely, and still remember her infectious grin... she made Chemistry fun for me. In the early 80's, my grandmother bought Mrs. K's car... a white compact Pontiac (Sunbird?)... she got around in that car for many years until she was unable to drive. It still makes me smile to think of my Gran driving around in Mrs. K's old car! May your family find comfort and peace from your memories of happy days spent together. Carol Ewing Fretz McKean Class of '73 Newark, DE

March 21 at 8:00 PM

SK

Sally Pinto Krapf posted:

Steve and Mike: I was so very sad to hear of your mother's passing. I remember what fun she was to be with on the golf course. She always had a cheery disposition and a good word for everyone. My deepest sympathies to both of you, Sally

March 21 at 8:00 PM

KP

Kay Piccirilli posted:

I am a former student of Mrs. Kubico, and am saddened to hear of her passing. She was a great teacher who cared for her students; one that I remember now, 40 years after graduation, with much fondness. She will be greatly missed, and my condolences to her family.

March 21 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Helen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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