



## Helen "Wheaties" Kittell

March 31, 1931 - April 28, 2023

With sorrow and great admiration for a life well lived we share the passing of Helen "Wheaties" Kittell on April 28, 2023, a caring, generous and fun, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend. A native Hudsonian, raised by Hungarian mother Frances and a German father Paul with her three brothers John, Paul, and Julius Ressler.

Wheaties married Martin "Marty" Kittell and had five children, which she would proudly tell people to, "You raise five kids...!". A well-regarded local artist, Wheaties found her love of painting, when she said she had to find something meaningful to do besides running around chasing five kids. She took classes and discovered her medium of pastels. She was extremely generous in giving away her paintings to others. When asked once, how she knew a particular person, she said "oh she was very nice to me, so I gave her a painting."

Wheaties also put her artistic talents to use as a florist, working at Rosery Florist during their busy seasons.

A fun loving mother, wife, and friend, Wheaties and Marty were part of a group of six neighborhood couples "the dirty dozen" who had a wonderful time throwing parties, going out, and doing things collectively with their families.

Wheaties possessed a deep faith, always behaving with grace, and great strength to life's challenges including the long illness and loss of her daughter Connie.

Wheaties and Marty enjoyed their later years with a winter condo in Stuart Florida, Wheaties had great fun and enjoyment organizing the parties and

shows at the clubhouse, doing all the flowers for the community, and sitting by the pool playing her favorite game Rummy Cube with her friends .

Wheaties lived the end of her life with joy and kindness despite having dementia. Everyone who met her or who was involved in her care would always comment “ she is so sweet”. Wheaties lived her life always doing small things for others with great love. Wheaties didn’t want a lot of fanfare when she passed. She wanted it to be simple; to be like “Goodnight Irene”. We therefore say “ Good Night Wheaties” with love from Martin “ Bubby”( wife Mary, daughters Kathleen, Rosemary and Rachel), Jeffrey, (wife Roberta , son Matthew) and Christopher ( wife Kelley, son Connor, daughter Claire, daughter in law Shauna, grandson Maverick) and predeceased husband Martin, daughter Connie ( husband Joseph) and son, Michael.

The family would like to express their deep appreciation for the care provided by Eileen Dolan and Teresa Ebling, and the nurses and staff at Van Rensselaer Manor. Donations can be made to Alzheimer's Association 225 N. Michigan Avenue Floor 17 Chicago IL 60601 at <https://www.alz.org/> Visitation hours will be Thursday May 11th from 4pm-7pm at Bates & Anderson-Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday May 12th at 10:30am from Holy Trinity St Mary’s Parish in Hudson. A reception will follow the interment in Cedar Park Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Visitation Hours

MAY 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler  
110 Green Street  
Hudson, NY 12534  
(518) 828-3371  
<http://batesandersonredmondkeeler.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 12. 10:30 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity St. Mary's Parish

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ Bubby, Jeff, Chris and families, I am sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom, my Dads baby sister. I just recently heard this news or I would have attended the services. May she RIP with her family and friends  
Jane



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**Jane Boyles** - July 22, 2023 at 09:40 PM

KD

“ I will never forget her, she taught me to paint ❤️

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**Karen Dylong** - May 06, 2023 at 08:12 AM

DS

“ So sorry for your family's loss. I am fortunate to have one of her paintings. I always enjoyed talking about art when she volunteered at the art studio on warren st. Diane Sacco

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**diane sacco** - May 04, 2023 at 07:55 PM

BC

“ I've often said, my Sister Amy and I were very fortunate to have had Bonus Grandparents in our lives. Marty and Wheaties and of course Tillie, were not simply neighbors, they were our family. So many memories of my childhood include these amazing people. From spur of the moment backyard bbqs after a day in the pool, to rounds and rounds of Rummio and Uno, Wheaties helped define my childhood. So caring, so talented, and very strong. Sleep well Wheaties. "Shake a leg"

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**BRYAN CRANNA** - May 04, 2023 at 09:14 AM

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“ William Quigley, Jr., & Family sent a virtual gift  
in memory of Helen Kittell



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William j Quigley, Jr., & Family - May 03, 2023 at 12:38 PM

WF

“ William Quigley, Jr., & Family lit a candle in  
memory of Helen Kittell



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William j Quigley, Jr., & Family - May 03, 2023 at 12:34 PM