

Memories: Helen Darron Schultz Triou

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Helen Darron Schultz Triou is 88 years old and was born on December 15, 1928. Her parents were Eva (Osterhout) and Leigh Darron. She has one sibling named Carlyle. Helen's father was a dairy farmer and her mother cared for Newark State School residents in their home.

When Helen was born, they lived on Downs Road in Walworth; later when Helen was about 16 years old the family moved to Walworth-Penfield Road in Walworth. There weren't any neighbors nearby their home so she had no one to play with. Helen enjoyed her dolls and playing in the hay barn with her brother, Carlyle. One time they hitched a dog to an old cart. Helen remembers riding in the cart. Her childhood friend was Gerry Reynolds Lonneville, Judge Reynolds' daughter. Helen helped on the farm to set cabbage and pick sweet corn for market, etc. She learned how to bake from her mom and from being in 4H. Her 4H leaders were Emily Huntley and Bertha Wignall. She learned how to sew and bake while in 4H and entered her work in the Wayne County Fair.

Helen attended Walworth High School from first grade through twelfth grade. Until age 10, there wasn't bus transportation to and from school. Myrtie Kelly, a neighbor, and Helen's mom would transport the children to school. Helen walked the two miles home from school most days. At age 10 transportation was provided by the school - first a large car and then a school bus. Helen started piano lessons in the second grade and clarinet lessons in the third grade. While in high school, she was active in chorus, band, and cheerleading for the basketball team. She also belonged to a group named the Triple Trio. They would perform at various school functions. Helen graduated from Walworth High School in 1946. Her graduating class had ten students - nine girls and one boy.

After graduating, Helen worked as a secretary for the Todd Company in Rochester for three years. She grew up knowing her husband-to-be, Harold Schultz. When they were going to march in the school band at Williamson and she needed a ride, Harold offered to take her and romance began. They dated and were married on her birthday, December 15, 1948. Harold worked for Garlock Company in Palmyra. Later he became Walworth town rural mail carrier. He was well liked for the job he did; however he developed back problems and after eleven years he had to resign. He went to work as a carpenter with his brother, Richard. Helen and Harold lived in an apartment on Canandaigua Road when first married. Thereafter they moved to locations in Walworth: Main Street, Church Street and Walworth-Penfield Road. They built a house on Smith Hill Road in Walworth in 1975 where they lived for many years.

In 1972 they bought a cottage in the Adirondacks and rebuilt it in 1990. Now their daughter Diane and her husband Dan own it. Helen has great memories of visiting the cottage through the years. While living on Church Street Helen met Winnie Pease, her backyard neighbor. They became best friends and traveled together. Many trips were enjoyed by them, especially a very special trip to Hawaii. Sadly, Winnie passed away last year at the age of 95; Helen misses her very much.



Helen and Harold 1988



Helen and Howard 2005.

Helen and Harold have three children: Wayne, Diane, and Kevin. They have four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. They were married 58 years. Harold developed dementia and passed away in the year 2005.

Howard Triou, a friend of Helen's, lost his wife two months after Harold passed. Their bond grew and Howard and Helen were married on July 7, 2007. Helen was retired from Wayne Central School where she was a secretary for 18 years and Howard was retired from building many homes in Walworth and surrounding towns. Howard was a good fisherman, hunter and trapper. He would harvest crabs in the summer and sell them to vendors near the Irondequoit Bay Bridge. They also enjoyed being home and family time. Sadly, Howard passed away in 2015.



Helen 1946



Helen 2017

Helen is a life-time member of the Walworth Methodist Church. She served as choir director and organist for 44 years. She still attends church when she is able. Helen now resides at the Wayne County Nursing Home in Lyons. She loves listening to music and still adores dolls. She is the president of the Resident Counsel and she has also formed a choir. Her nieces come to visit her faithfully once a week and she looks forward to their visits. Helen is active at the Home; she plays euchre with residents and friends such as Dorothy and Sonny French. She also enjoys playing chicken foot/dominos. She has a close friend Hazel who she met at the Home. They pal around and are called the trouble makers. Helen misses living in Walworth where she had lived all of her life. She says that is where her heart lies and if able she would still be living here in Walworth.