

HELEN'S SERVICE 2003

A Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration for
Helen Myers McLoraine
 St. Andrew United Methodist Church
 January 31, 2003 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Ministers
 Organist
 Soloist

The Rev. James Barnes and Rev. Dr. Harvey C. Martz
 Mark Zwilling
 Roberta Hamilton Griggs



PRELUDE

The family and friends of Helen McLoraine invite you to join them in Fellowship Hall for a light meal and a time of sharing and fellowship immediately following the service.

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES AND CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Harvey Martz

The family wishes to thank Drinkwine Family Mortuary for their services.

*HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* No. 103



SCRIPTURE READINGS The Rev. James Barnes
 Dr. Harvey Martz

Memorial gifts may be sent to

SPECIAL MUSIC *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*

*Urban Peak
 1630 S. Acoma
 Denver, CO 80223*

REMEMBERING HELEN MCLORAINE
 Dr. Harvey Martz, Bob Anderson and Scott Hamilton

*St. Andrew United Methodist Church
 Building Fund
 6325 S. University Blvd.
 Centennial, CO 80121-2914*

MEDITATION The Rev. James Barnes

*Scott Hamilton C.A.R.E.S. Initiative
 C/O Cleveland Clinic Foundation
 9500 Euclid Ave
 Cleveland, OH 44195*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Amazing Grace*

*CLOSING HYMN *Hymn of Promise* No. 707



*BENEDICTION Dr. Harvey Martz

Pallbearers

POSTLUDE

Bob Birdsong, Jr. Joe DiLeo
 Dr. Mahlon Bradley Scott Hamilton
 Jim Bye Brent Landis

*Those who are able, please stand.

Eulogy at Helen's Service

I'm here to help answer four questions.

WHO was Helen McLoraine?

The skating world was her pastime. The oil business was her work. But investing in people - particularly in young people - her time and efforts and resources to make the next generation a better one was her passion.

WHAT did this Helen McLoraine do in between attending skating events?

She helped people. She helped skaters. Dozens and dozens and dozens of skaters over the last 30 years. She helps friends who are having severe medical problems. She helps a young man finish his medical studies. She helps students at a major leading private university. A dozen students or so of them each year. Every year. She helps medical researchers at various leading research facilities study and work on our most troubling medical issues of our generation - like at The Salk Institute in California founded by Jonas Salk - the man who virtually wiped out polio in the world. She helps build buildings - and swimming pools so that we are not only strong of mind but of body. She finances purchases of state of the art medical equipment. She builds endowments. She encourages people. She is the anonymous angel to countless nameless people in all walks of life.

WHY did this happen now?

She was in great health. The doctor said so just the week before. Well, we all know that when she talked about that special kid from Bowling Green, Ohio, the sparkle in her eyes and heart would lite up an entire city. The angels above us must have been waiting for a certain Tracie Rose to come into Scott's life before they reached down to take away our own little angel here on Earth. And she loved Tracie Rose Hamilton very much. Her work was now done.

BUT what can we do now - she has left us?

Be cheerful. Be gracious - especially when we might have disagreements with another. And we all know our Helen had her strong opinions sometimes! Reach out to others in need. Don't be impressed by appearances - but be impressed by effort and achievement. Have a sense to the community at large. Work hard. Play hard. Be humble. Give a little more and take a little less. Be just a little more like Helen.

Her skate in life is over. And when the good Lord tallys up all her marks, I'm sure its all 6.0s across the board. And not a French judge on the panel!

She lived a good life. I think we lost a great one last week. On behalf of Helen, Thank-you for sharing each one of your lives with her.

Online Guest Book at Helen's

Helen Myers McLoraine



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This Guest Book will remain online until February 25, 2003.

We Loved her. She will be missed by many.

Richard & Shelley

*Richard & Shelley Dalley (Grosse Ile,, MI)
January 30, 2003*

Helen was up beat, happy and enjoying life as we hugged, laughed and reminisced at nationals in Dallas. We will always remember her that way! The world of friends who were fortunate to know her will miss her dearly.

*Bob & B.L. Wylie (Sugar Land, TX)
January 30, 2003*

We have lost an incredible friend. One minute Helen was there in her seat at the arena doing what she loved to do--watching those young people out on the ice in pursuit of their dreams. Dreams she helped many to achieve. The next minute she was taken from us. Her loss leaves a void in the figure skating family, but her legacy will continue in those she helped and inspired.

*Mary Cook (Madison, WI)
January 29, 2003*

Our family enjoyed when Helen would come and stay with us during her visits to Chicago. We were her "date" for many University of Chicago functions and we would have such a grand time. My children enjoyed spending many hours talking and laughing with her. Our family has a yearly reunion Memorial Day weekend at the family cemetery in Dayton Illinois and Helen always enjoyed visiting with the extended family. Helen always helped me cook for the potluck lunch that was served at the reunion. We shared many a faux pas in the kitchen. We will miss her visits, her laughter, the twinkle in her eyes. But now she will be closer to us and we can visit her more now.

Bobbie, Larry, Katie and Lindsey

*Bobbie Pottenger (Chicago, IL)
January 29, 2003*

Having known Helen long before I became a skating fan, I am at a loss to be able to express my sorrow by her passing. She wouldn't let me take her arm and I couldn't catch her as she fell. She will be missed.

William (Bill) Rogovy (Akron, OH)

January 29, 2003

Friend of Helen's for more than 50 years, I will miss her happy smiles and good notes.

Helen Koch (Honolulu, HI)
January 29, 2003

Helen was an incredible woman of strength and compassion. It was an honor knowing her and she will be sorely missed by all. We are all better people for having known Helen.

Allen Birdsong (Florence, MT)
January 29, 2003

Helen was an inspiration to many people and their dreams, outside of skating as well. She so generously supported the House Ear Research Clinic in Los Angeles, California. Thanks to Helen's generosity and the House Ear Clinic "I can hear skating music"! Thank you, Helen

Darlene Bell (Los Angeles, CA)
January 29, 2003

Helen's radiant smile and enthusiastic greetings will always be remembered. She enjoyed her role as a quiet, yet vigilant supporter of the sport. We have all been gifted by her presence.

Gale Tanger (Wauwatosa, WI)
January 29, 2003

Helen McLoraine made an enormous contribution to the sport, especially through her sponsorship of Scott Hamilton, Judy Blumberg and Michael Seibert, among others. She will be sorely missed and long remembered. Mary Louise and Ben Wright

Mary Louise & Ben Wright (Belmont, MA)
January 28, 2003

Helen will be greatly missed by so many. Her encouragement led me to college and helped shape my life. May she rest in peace.

Donna McLoraine Watson (Louisville, KY)
January 28, 2003

Helen made the skating world a happier place. Her smile, her enthusiasm, her support and her many kindnesses will be greatly missed. May she rest in peace.

Joan Gruber (Wyomissing, PA)
January 28, 2003

Even though I only met Helen once at a National competition several years ago, I was always a fan. For those whose lives she touched in such a positive way, my deepest condolences. Helen's special radiance and friendship will be greatly missed in the skating community.

Dorian Valles (Carlsbad, CA)
January 28, 2003

It is hard to imagine what skating would have been without Helen's emotional and financial support of so many of our top skaters in the past and present.
My husband and I were fortunate to be at breakfast with her just hours before her untimely death.
Helen was engaged in the delicious task of enjoying fulfilling other's dreams. She was a sentient lady.

Ricky Harris

Ricky Harris (San Miguel de Allende, Mexico)
January 28, 2003

Helen was a wonderful, inspirational and very intelligent woman who enabled many, many skaters to realize their dreams. Her passing will create a gap that will not easily be filled, and we will all miss her.

Taffy Holliday
January 28, 2003

I am very sorry to hear about the passing of Helen. I met her at the 1988 Olympics in Calgary. I remember fondly watching the battle of the Brians with her. Our paths did cross several times over the years. I will miss her, and her warmth and caring that she presented. My condolences to her family and friends

ellen cameron (lexington, MA)
January 28, 2003

What a wonderful lady who touched so many lives so positively. She was a delight to be around and the skating world will never forget her!

Sam Auxier (Glen Ellyn, IL)
January 28, 2003

Helen was and still is a great inspiration to many people. Her work with sponsering young figure skaters, as well as her work with other chairities speaks highly of her devotion to mankind. Over the years I've read hundreds of articles on skating and she's tied in to a huge percentage. So for that I thank her as a fan of the sport! God Bless you, Helen! :)

*Toni Reitter (Kenai, AK)
January 27, 2003*

I was privileged to know Helen for many years. We often sat together at regional, sectional, national and world competitions observing the skaters. To all the skaters she sponsored, she truly became a guiding force in their lives. I shall miss her and her wonderful smile. I am glad I had a chance to visit with her in Dallas.
Audrae Gillespie

*Audrae Gillespie (Kamsas City, MO)
January 27, 2003*

I am sorry to hear about great loss to the skating community she will always be remember

*Vincent Diuguid (St. Louis, MO)
January 27, 2003*

Helen was a great friend to the women's athletic community at the University of Chicago. Her generosity and support in the foundation of the Graduate Women's Athletic Association will always be remembered.

*Rosalie Resch (Chicago, IL)
January 27, 2003*

Helen...

For all the lives you touched in such a positive way...for all you gave so others could live their dream...for the VERY SPECIAL PERSON you are to each of us...you will be missed, but NEVER FORGOTTEN.

*Diane G Miller (Highlands Ranch, CO)
January 27, 2003*

Mrs. McLorlane's kind and generous spirit will be greatly missed by all of us who help high risk and homeless youth.

*Roxane White Urban Peak (Denver, CO)
January 27, 2003*

A great loss to the skating community. My condolences

*Joelle (IA)
January 27, 2003*

The warmth and generosity of Helen will be sadly missed by all. Her nurturing and supportive qualities ment so much to so many, but more than anything, we will miss her radiant smile when she would sit in the stands to applaud each and every skater.

*Paul Martini (Toronto, ON)
January 27, 2003*

Thank you Helen for all the years of love and support for skating. You have been a very important person in the development of young skaters in attaining their goals. You will be missed dearly. Thanks for all your help!

Tracey Poletis

*Tracey Poletis (Baltimore, MD)
January 27, 2003*

Helen, thank you once again and always, for the support that you have given Doug and I in our skating career together. We will always remember your contribution to us, as well as all the skaters that you have been a "Fairy God Mother" to.

Always,
Sharon Carz

*Sharon Carz (Los Angeles, CA)
January 27, 2003*

Helen had an enormous impact on my life. She gave me strength just knowing that she believed in me. Recently, I wrote to tell her how special she was and that I named the "Lady with the Parasol" after her. (I bought that Monet painting with the wedding gift Helen gave us) To me the "Lady with the Parasol" is beautiful, passionate, and angelic, and will forever be "Helen."

*Amy Jaramillo-Lambert (Hamilton, NJ)
January 26, 2003*

I will always cherish the night Mrs. Mac. took a group of us to a German Restaurant in Chicago and the unbelievably odd entertainment we all laughed through. Thank you for your large arms. So many have felt them around our lives.

*Cindy Perpich (Chicago, IL)
January 26, 2003*

Helen was a wonderful person whom I will miss greatly. She has been a great help to myself and my family with my son's skating career up to this point. I am so glad that I got to see her in Dallas before this terrible accident happened. And I'm glad she was doing something she loved. The Weir family will miss her alot. May God Bless and watch over you Helen. You were truly a shining star to alot of people.

*Patti Weir (Newark, DE)
January 26, 2003*

I owe so much to Mrs. McLoraine. Just when I thought I could not afford medical school, she supported me. She was a true friend and supporter of so many good people in skating. My family will miss her.

*Mahlon Bradley (Boston, MA)
January 26, 2003*

Helen, was one of the finest people, I have ever known. Never did she think of herself, she only thought of giving to others. Her joy in life was in giving, never expecting any return for herself. It was a true pleasure to be a friend, and an honor to be in her company. She will be greatly missed by so many people of all walks of life.

*NancyMeiss Meiss (Cincinnati, OH)
January 26, 2003*

Helen will be remembered by all for her unfaltering support of many skaters, her enduring friendships with many judges and coaches, and her generosity to figure skating in the United States.

I personally will miss her wise advice and keen interest in my coaching and my children and family life.

For my family, we will miss her presence at Thanksgiving and Easter dinners, and on those days, we will remember her a little more fondly.

I am grateful for her friendship with my parents and I know they will miss her a great deal, as many others will as well.

*Heidi Dello Thibert (Fort Collins, CO)
January 26, 2003*

Helen was a wonderful person and will truly be missed. I'm glad I was able to see her, even if it was brief, prior to her death.

Becky Calvin

*Becky Calvin (Colorado Springs, CO)
January 26, 2003*

Letters from Helen's Friends

Helen McLoraine

Helen and I became friends when we traveled together with Duxbury Travel to Copenhagen for Worlds in 1982. That was the first of many Worlds we attended together: Ottawa, Helsinki, Budapest, Halifax and Paris, to name just a few. We also enjoyed many Nationals over the years, where we spent hundreds of hours sitting side by side in cold arenas watching practice sessions and competitions.

To me, Helen's greatest legacy was her sincerity, her integrity and her unwavering friendship. They say that one's life is a rich tapestry, made up of materials of all colors, shapes and textures. These are the threads of friendships, relationships, experiences, both happy and sad, that stay with us forever. Through this great lady, I met some of the most amazing people I've ever known. I will always treasure her friendship.

Judy Klopp

Helen McLoraine

Rudy and I were very young skaters. Up and coming but we had a real need for support. We were so honored when Helen became our sponsor, not only did her support help us financially for ice time, lessons and travel expenses, but her support gave Rudy and I the confidence that someone believed in us, in our dreams.

Helen showed nothing but love of skating to us. She was unassuming in her giving and joyful, never making us feel any added pressure. Just pure support. Helen had such a bright smile and no matter how the skating was going, she seemed to have words of encouragement always on hand.

I remember a time when Rudy and I took part in some shows in Denver. Helen opened up her home to us and we were welcomed guests. Her hospitality and patience to deal with such young, rambunctious skaters still amazes me. We weren't looking for trouble, but the desire to have some fun as young skaters away from home with other skaters was inevitable. Helen did have to "settle us down" maybe once, but it was a good lesson in responsibility and maturity. A mutual respect was born out of that experience! Rudy and I definitely attribute that the success we had in pairs was in large part made possible because of Helen's support.

Helen's elegance, integrity, standard of excellence- gave me something to strive for. Her approval wasn't necessary, but something that meant the world to me. Even as a professional Helen's opinion still had an influence on me. Every year in Lake Placid for the Opening of Stars On Ice, I would wait to get word from Scott. He would always let me know what Helen thought of the show and I would of course be tickled when she liked my programs. Scott always told me how proud she was of me. I hope she knows what a role model SHE has been for me.

I cherish the memories that skating has given me and feel that Helen is a big part of those memories. I cherish those times we shared together, taking in the triumphs and tribulations of a sport that brought her so much joy.

Her love of skating and passion for helping those who need the support within it, continue to inspire me to carry on her legacy the best I can. Helen's smile and bright spirit has touched our sport of figure skating forever. Thank you Helen <3

Kristi Yamaguchi

Helen was a partner with my husband, Robert, in the oil business. I know he admired her sharp business acumen and her many philanthropic endeavors. They shared a mutual respect for each other. At one point, she asked him to be an executor of her will. Later he asked to be replaced because of his declining health but appreciated the trust she placed in him.

Because of Helen's involvement in ice skating, we had the opportunity to have early contact with skaters Scott Hamilton and Kristi Yamaguchi. We enjoyed following their progress as they became world champions.

Helen once joined us on a fly fishing trip to Alaska that had pretty Spartan accommodations. She was a great sport about it and was fun to have along. She was an interesting person and a good friend and will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to have known her.

Shirley Birdsong

3/1/2012

I first met Helen McLoraine in 1975, I was a junior accountant at Webb Resources and Helen was one of the company's key investors. Webb was primarily involved in the generation of high-risk oil and gas exploration plays in the Rocky Mountain region. By high-risk, I mean the drilling of wells that had a very low probability of finding oil and gas. Another word associated with what we did is "wildcatting."

As I continued to advance at the company, my involvement with Helen increased. I ended up running the land department and several times per year was involved in presenting prospects to Helen for her consideration. We eventually sold, Webb Resources to Standard Oil of Ohio (later merged into British Petroleum). At that point, Webb's senior management started Bird Oil Corporation. Helen was one of Bird's investors and an original shareholder. Ultimately, Helen was the controlling shareholder. Again, as at Webb, at Bird we were tasked to be a wildcatter.

As I look back now, after spending some 35 years generating oil and gas exploration projects, I can only name a handful of people that I have met who had the fortitude and commitment to a set of beliefs that allowed successful participation in the high risk oil and gas wildcat exploration game. Helen was one of the few who really understood the game. You had to drill a lot of dry holes, and lose the money doing so, waiting for the discovery that paid for all the dry wells. Sometimes the wait could be very long. Helen was very successful at the game and lived through many a dry spell without complaint.

One of the many wonderful things about Helen was that she wore her wealth well. She was forever understated and very charitable in a quiet way. Early on, she planned to commit the vast majority of her wealth to charity. I watched and learned about the importance of giving by observing people like Helen.

As I sit here today, I can say she not only set a good example but that in a small way her goals are living on through people she has touched with her generosity. My wife and I find ourselves in that camp.

Because of Helen's financial support, through The Pioneer Fund, we have been able to substantially expand our Flying Solo Scholarship Program. The program provides \$5,000 per year, in unrestricted funding, to single parent scholars, under severe financial distress, who are seeking a four-year college degree. Once in our program, the scholarship is renewed annually until graduation. To date, 79 scholars have entered the program and we already have 31 graduates. We hope to increase the number of scholarships awarded to 60, or more, for the 2012/13 school year. None of this would have been possible, absent Helen's mindset of giving back.

Helen is deserving of high compliment. She left the world a better place by having been here. Something more of us should strive to do.

T&R Fund

Bob Birdsong

Mary H. Barnes
1551 Larimer, Suite 3003
Denver, Colorado 80202

January 2012

It was a distinct honor for my late husband, The Reverend James E. Barnes, and me to count and be counted as very close friends of Helen M. McLoraine.

We were privileged to know Helen, and to share many wonderful and meaningful experiences with her during her years in Denver, Colorado. This close friendship bloomed:

- through mutual long-time friends**
- through her active involvement at Trinity United Methodist Church where my husband was the Senior Minister**
- through travels to Europe, Asia, and Australia**
- through living in the same condo in downtown Denver**
- through interest and involvement in many charitable Organizations**
- through sharing together past experiences, present concerns, and dreaming of future ways to give and serve**

I often think of Helen McLoraine when I recall these words written in 1739 by John Wesley, the founder of Methodism.

**“Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.”**

The world is a better world because of our friend, Helen M. McLoraine.

**Mary H. Barnes
and The Late James E. Barnes, Sr.**

23rd Psalms

The 23rd Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters;
He restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in paths of righteousness for
His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff
they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of my enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup
runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
for ever.



I am the resurrection and the life;
they who believe in me shall live
even if they die.
John 11:25

Helen Myers McLoraine

August 19, 1918 – January 23, 2003

