



Helen "Lenka" Branoff-Gustin

December 3, 1933 - July 6, 2020

Helen "Lenka" Branoff-Gustin, 86, peacefully passed on July 6, 2020 at her home. She was the wife of James L. Kelly of Venice Florida.

Born in Bouf Macedonia and raised in Steelton PA. Helen worked in the restaurant business for many years and thereafter owned several women's apparel stores throughout the Harrisburg, PA area. Upon retirement, she moved to the Englewood/Venice area where she resided for the past 20+ years.

She was a beloved and treasured mother to 5 children; Richard (deceased) and wife Karen, Gregory and wife Bobbi Jo, Patricia, Joseph and wife Mary, Christina and husband Douglas; 7 grandchildren; Jennifer, James, Lisa, Alexandria, Courtney, Ashley and Jessica; 2 great grandchildren; Dawson and JJ; and niece Angela Mioff-DiFlorio.

Helen is survived by sisters Judith and Kathleen, and brother Spero Jr. She is predeceased by brothers Samuel, Donald, John, Andre, sister Sonia, and son Richard.

Helen was one of those special people who "lit up the room" with her smile, warm embraces and accepting ways. She touched so many lives with her optimism and kind heart and is dearly loved by so many family and wonderful

friends. She has had a wonderful “circle of sisters” who have been by her side for many years. One in particular has been especially as close as any sister, her dear friend, Mirjana Trkulja.

Services will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 11:00 AM at St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church, 8065 W. Price Blvd, North Port, FL 34291.

Officiated by Father Sasa Djurdjevic and Father Dragan Zaric.

A burial service will follow and take place at Sarasota National Cemetery.

Masks will be required to attend the services.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Tidewell Hospice of Venice Florida or St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. located at 14538 Tamiami Trail, North Port, FL 34287. 941-423-9110 www.gendronfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 14. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Sava Orthodox Church
8065 W. Price Blvd
North Port, FL 34291
(941) 423-7282

burial

JUL 14. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Sarasota National Cemetery
9810 State Road 72
Sarasota, FL

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen "Lenka" Branoff-Gustin*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Helen "Lenka" Branoff-Gustin*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Angie D - July 13, 2020 at 08:11 PM



“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



Lois Good - July 12, 2020 at 11:13 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Helen "Lenka" Branoff-Gustin.*



July 12, 2020 at 09:57 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Alexandria Handyside - July 12, 2020 at 06:44 AM



“ *So sorry to hear our Lenka passing away. She was a lovely and sweet lady
we Will miss her.Our thoughts and prayers to all her family
Milutin and Madeleine Acimovic*

madeleine acimovic - July 08, 2020 at 02:02 PM



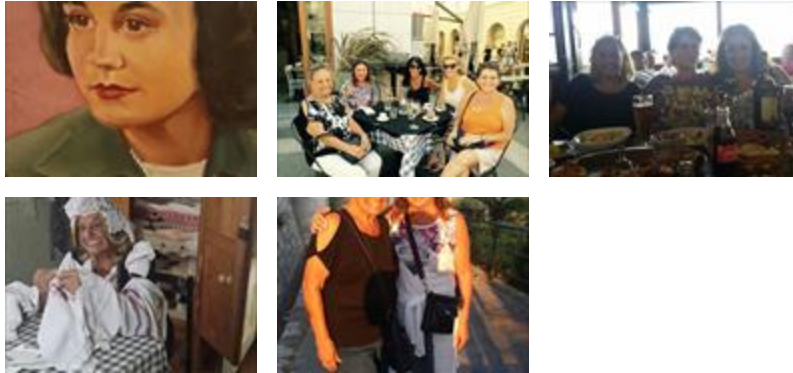
“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen "Lenka" Branoff-Gustin.*



July 08, 2020 at 01:06 PM

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“ 27 files added to the tribute wall



Patti Gustin-Yanich - July 08, 2020 at 10:50 AM

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“ Our Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of Helen (Lennie).
She was a dear, loving and kind friend. Memory Eternal

Fran & Val Radosevich - July 08, 2020 at 09:12 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the
family of Helen "Lenka" Branoff-Gustin.



July 07, 2020 at 08:33 PM

KR

“ Lennie was my older cousin who I thought was just beautiful and
always had a big smile and a hug for everyone. I loved the way her
hair bounced when she walked when I was a kid. She will be
missed by everyone.

Kay Branoff Rowe - July 07, 2020 at 06:42 PM

CG

I will miss Lenka. I remember parties at Mirko and Nancy Rochnich's and they would include me in a night of partying and singing with Lenka and their Serbian friends.

Carol Gombos - July 08, 2020 at 12:49 PM



“ *Island Memories Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Helen "Lenka" Branoff-Gustin.*



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Raymond V. Massey - July 07, 2020 at 04:44 PM

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Our angels in Heaven... ray massey

ray massey - July 07, 2020 at 07:48 PM

NG

Prayers for Lennie's family. She was a sweet woman.

nancy I gasparovic - August 08, 2020 at 05:28 AM