



## Helen Nora Hartung

May 6, 1925 - February 17, 2014

Helen Nora Hartung (nee Brashinger) age 88, passed away on February 17, 2014.

Beloved wife of Walter G. Hartung. Loving mother of Susan (Frank) Penunuri of Oaxaca, Mexico and Walter "Wally" (Judy) Hartung of Lockport. Cherished grandmother of Anthony, Nicholas and Katarina Hartung, Eric Wedding and Carol Farrimond. Proud great grandmother of 5. Fond sister of Adeline Bredlau of East Hazel Crest and the late Julia, Mary, Ann, Theresa, Matt and George.

Helen retired in 1980 as the owner of the Flossmoor Bakery. She was active at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Tinley Park and formerly at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Chicago Heights. Helen was also a member of D.A.N.K.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Visitation Saturday, February 22nd from 11:00A.M. until time of Service at 4:00PM at Heartland Memorial Center 7151W. 183rd St., Tinley Park, IL

Private Interment at Evergreen Cemetery.

For info or to sign the guestbook (708) 444-2266 or [heartlandmemorial.com](http://heartlandmemorial.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Susan Penunuri lit a candle in memory of Helen Nora Hartung* ”



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**Susan Penunuri** - January 17, 2015 at 09:50 AM

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“ We just came back from the most peaceful and comforting Mass for Mom. Mass was held in Mom’s favorite Church, San Francisco de Assai, with our favorite Friar attending. The church is over 400 hundred years old with understated architecture and spectacular gardens. Friar spoke how the Virgin came and enveloped Mom in her loving arms and took her to meet the Lord. Friar was sure that the Virgin took good care of Mom until the Lord took over and how Mom was a wondrous woman who embraced life. Friar assured me how Mom was still by my side and in my heart. Then I got a lovely surprise. All the Friar’s came and sang Gregorian chants of Ava Marie, Amazing Grace and Onward Christian Soldiers (a few of Mom’s favorites). There is nothing more soothing and magnificent to hear the Gregorian chants. So many people were there. Of course my group of close friends, but retired bakers who know my father and have been acquainted with Mom through Union festivities. Shop keepers and market vendors where she loved to shop and steal a little roasted pork and pork rinds. Everyone had an inspiring insight to Mom. At this time of year, Poinsettia Trees (yes, they are trees here) are not normally in bloom, but every single one (at least 50) in every color of the rainbow were in magnificent bloom. Mom loved to see those and I think they were in bloom just for her. Mom got a great send off. Thank you seems so inadequate for this Mass. I will always miss Mom, but I do take comfort that she is exactly where she belongs and is at peace. I also have no doubt, Mom never will leave us, either.

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Susan Penunuri - January 17, 2015 at 09:48 AM

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“ Trying to sum up my mom in a few words is impossible. I believe all of us here remember Mom and her gifts to us all in our own way. Saying she was a strong independent woman is a drop in the bucket. It seemed to be an insurmountable task to sum up Mom in just a few words. Then all of our friends down here came over last night to give condolences and their support. We started talking about Mom. We had a houseful, and some people I know only by sight. They gave me the answer, I believe. Mom and Dad were fondly given the names of “Ositos Blancos”-Little Polar Bears (their white hair). Everyone, spoke of how my Mom walked around town and always had a smile. She greeted everyone. She embraced a little town and the people with her whole heart. Mom embraced life, love, and everything she did. Mom had a wealth of love and spread it liberally. Mom did everything with her whole heart. She had a spine of steel that got her, and most of us, through good times, bad times, and in between times. She was an example to all of us on how to keep going. She just was always there for everyone. Now, we are here for her. Thanks isn't enough for you, Mom. Telling you how much I love and respect you is still just not enough. To say Mom will be missed is an understatement. Yet, I feel her by my side comforting me and telling me to honor her. Until we meet again, Mom.

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**Susan Penunuri** - January 17, 2015 at 09:47 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Helen Nora Hartung.



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February 22, 2014 at 02:07 AM

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“ *Rose Renner lit a candle in memory of Helen  
Nora Hartung*



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**rose renner** - February 19, 2014 at 03:57 PM